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CU stalemate deepens as VC denies resignation

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CHITTAGONG, Jan 18:—The administrative big-shots of Chittagong University (CU) have apparently failed to find a way out from the deadlock emerged out of the siege put down by the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) student front of the ruling party and its allies on the second consecutive day today.

Main entrances of the faculty buildings, registrar's office, and different institutes had been un-

der lock and key till the time of dispatching this report on Sunday evening.

The university went under total deadlock yesterday over removal of its Vice-Chancellor Professor M Badiul Alam who allegedly had connivance with the anti-liberation Jamaat-e-Islami and its student front Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS).

Leaders of the agitating student organization the BCL asserted to

carry forward their movement even with stronger forms to push out what they said corrupt, unfit and extremely biased man from the Vice-Chancellor's office.

In the meantime, the incumbent Vice-Chancellor of the university Professor M Badiul Alam straight way turned down the possibility of quitting his present office until and unless the government formally wanted him of

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doing so.

The syndicate meeting of the university scheduled for today (Monday) and the ongoing examinations of different faculties have been postponed until next announcement.

Teachers of the university mainly belonged to progressive group have expressed solidarity to the ongoing 'remove VC' movement and urged the incumbent VC to tender his resignation as soon as possible for the interest of the congenial academic atmosphere on the campus.

The teachers set together at the University Club in the city late last night and reviewed the overall situation of the campus and probable consequences of the rigid attitude of the Vice-Chancellor.

On the other hand, workers and supporters of the Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) had been out on the campus with noting gear. All the dorms of the university and strongholds of the ICS have been alerted for probable confrontation.

The Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) supporters though laid siege on the campus from yesterday; they were apparently not much enthusiastic of confrontation and bloodshed on the campus. Heavily armed security forces deployed in and around the campus to tackle anything unpleasant.