

## Police detain 14 'shibir' men from RU hall

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POLICE in a drive detained at least thirteen students and one imam from Sher-e-Bangla Hall of Rajshahi University on Saturday noon, over suspected involvement with the Islami Chhatra Shibir, the student organisation of Bangladesh Jamaat-E-Islami.

The detainees were identified as Abul Khayer, third year student of philosophy department, Usuf Ali of fourth year of the department, Abdus Sabur, Lokman Hossain Siraji, Mehadi Hasan, masters students of islamic studies department, Abdul Hauque Manik and Shariful Islam, fourth year students of the department, Murad Ahmed, third year student of islamic history and culture department, Raihan Islam, masters student of linguistic department, Sirajul Islam Sumon, masters student of zoology department, Anawarul Islam, masters student of marketing department and Mostak Ahmed of third year student of the department. Besides, Police also detained Sanaullah, 55, imam of the hall mosque.

Rajshahi Metropolitan Police deputy commissioner Ameer Jafar said, on a tip-off, the police conducted a drive at the dormitory and detained thirteen students, suspecting them as Shibir activists.

In a reply, he said that they detained Sanaullah for interrogation as they found several books, magazines and leaflets of the organisation from the shelves of the hall's mosque adding that he said legal action would be taken against the detainees after interrogation.

RU pro-vice-chancellor Professor Sarwar Jahan, proctor Professor Mujibur Hauque Azad Khan, students adviser Professor Mizanur Rahman and the residential teachers of the hall were present, among others, during the drive.

Professor Sarwar Jahan told New Age that security measures had been beefed up on the campus considering the recent extremist attacks across the country. The law enforcers conducted the drive as a part of this, Jahan said.

'We asked the law men to take legal steps against them if they were found guilty,' he added.

Earlier on Friday night, a group of leaders and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League, the student body of the ruling Awami League, held two suspected Shibir activists from Shaheed Habibur Rahman Hall of the university and handed them over to police.

Among the two, Saikat Hassan was sent to jail while Abdur Rajjak was released.