

### Shibir forces hartal in Chittagong

CHITTAGONG, Nov 30 (BSS): A dawn to dusk hartal was observed here today at the call of Islamic Chhatra Shibir. The Shibir called the hartal protesting against débarring of nine students of Chittagong Polytechnic Institute from appearing in examinations by the institute authorities.

Rickshaws and other vehicles were off the roads while shops remained closed during the hartal period.

Most of the scheduled trains could not leave the station, railway sources said. Handling of goods in the port was also suspended, port sources said.

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Attendance in offices was thin. Chittagong Metropolitan Police sources said there was no untoward incident in the city during the time. Supporters of hartal-callers brought out processions in different parts of the port city. They reportedly exploded crackers.