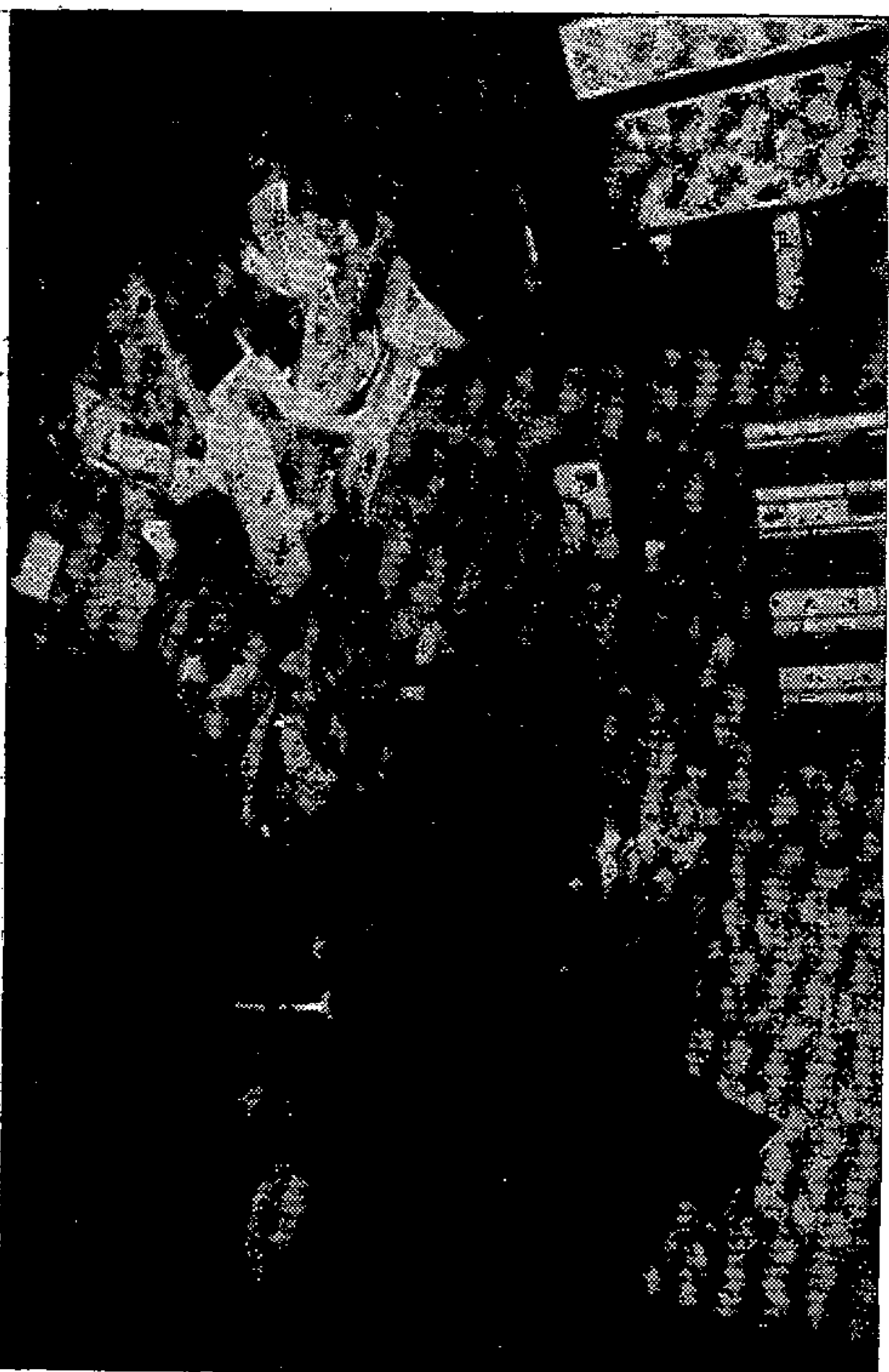


# Apprehensions at Chittagong University

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A ransacked room of a Chittagong University dorm.

After the expulsion of the illegal occupants from the students' dormitories, Chittagong University appears to have come back to its normal functioning.

Most of the students have returned to the campus and the classes of different departments are being held in full swing.

But the armed miscreants who had forcibly occupied the university halls from January 6 to February 6 have left some wounds which will take some time to heal.

During their occupation, the illegal occupants ransacked most of the rooms of the dormitories and looted the valuables of the residential students.

The university authority has officially recognized that 476 out of 777 rooms of the university halls were ransacked by the armed occupants during the period of their occupation.

The police have also recovered huge quantities of fire arms from the campus. They were left by the illegal occupants.

After the expulsion of the hooligans from the campus on February 6 the residential students were allowed to return to their dormitories from February 16.

But they were taken aback finding their rooms devastated. Most of their valuables, which include

notes, certificates and books etc. were either missing or burnt to ashes.

Tension is growing among the students since they cannot express their resentment due to some restrictions imposed by the authority on meetings, processions, etc. on the campus as recommended by the Interim Education Environment Commission.

A body formed recently on the basis of the recommendation of the 16 member Syndicate Committee headed by Pro-VC Prof. Ali Emdad Khan.

However the IEBC has assured the affected students of compensation and a Syndicate decision has also been taken in this regard.

But the problem is, where does the university get such a huge amount of money which is estimated to be more than one million takas?

But the concerned persons seem reluctant to recommend any punitive measures against those who are responsible for such devastation. Some members of the faculty are reported to

from an statement issued in the name of the Teachers' Association on February 17 indicating its intention to continue its program of class boycott again from March 10 if its demands are not fulfilled by that time.

The Teachers' Association of Ctg. University has been on strike since October 10, 1987, which was considered illegal by the C. U. authority since no previous notification was served before going for continuous strike. (For details about the teachers' strike, see "Terrorism and strike" at Ctg. Varsity, HOLIDAY, December 25, 1987 & January 1, 1988.)

The C. U. Syndicate in its meeting of 31st December, 1987, had also asked the striking teachers to resume their duties immediately.

Surprisingly, the strike program of the Teacher's Association was postponed on January 7 immediately after the armed outsiders forcibly entered the campus on January 6 and took position in Alaoi Hall. But after the expulsion of the illegal occupants on February 6, and the re-opening of the university on February 16, the Teachers' Association seems to have fallen into a false position.

Therefore, any moment the normal academic work of the university may be jeopardized either with the attack of the armed miscreants or the strike program of the teachers' Association. But a reliable source indicates that the possibility of the armed miscreants staging a comeback has become bleak at the present moment because of the expulsion of a Cabinet Minister who was reported to have patronized the previous operation on the campus and the death of some of the armed miscreants during the violence of February 10 Union Council polls.

Moreover, the general teachers, students, guards, officers and employees of Ctg. University are now promise-bound to nullify any attempt to paralyze the university by any quarter.

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