

Ouster of outsiders demanded

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CHITTAGONG, Jan. 7. — The University of Chittagong has again been closed down since the following a "situation not conducive to academic activities".

The Vice-Chancellor, in exercise of his executive power under the Chittagong University Act 73, closed down the university due to what he called unavoidable circumstances. The university was scheduled to open tomorrow after a month-long winter vacation. The teachers of the university, who were on strike since October also decided to return to their works in response to the call of Syndicate.

The Chittagong University authority is understood to have suddenly decided to put off the opening on Wednesday late evening in view of sharp deterioration of the law and order situation in the campus following besieged of Alaul Hall by some armed elements.

According to police two persons were shot at by some unknown persons inside the campus on Wednesday night. One of them is identified as Humayun Rashid. He is now undergoing treatment at the Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

The University of Chittagong today held its Syndicate meeting to discuss the latest situation prevailing on the campus. The Syndicate meeting was in progress till the writing of this report. Prof Mohammed Ali, Vice Chancellor of the University when

contacted over telephone asserted that the University Authority is firmly determined to restore normalcy on the campus.

BSS adds — The Vice-Chancellor of Chittagong University, Prof Mohammad Ali, said that he had to take the decision in view of the "forcible occupation of a hall by a group of armed elements yesterday", a day before the halls were scheduled to reopen.

The classes were scheduled to restart from Saturday.

The Vice-Chancellor authorised the University Proctor and the Provost of Alaul Hall to persuade the armed occupants to vacate the hall peacefully by tomorrow noon.

He said the Syndicate at a meeting at his residence today approved the measures taken by him.

Three organisations of teachers and

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students of Chittagong University on Thursday demanded immediate ouster of what they called "outsiders" from the campus and reopening of the university.

In separate statements, leaders of Chittagong Bishwabidhalya Shikkhak Parishad, Sadharan Chhatra Andolan Parishad and Islami Chhatra Shibir condemned yesterday's forcible occupation of a hall by some "armed elements" just before the university was scheduled to reopen.

They called for taking necessary measure to reopen the university immediately.

Shikkhak Parishad convener Dr. Nurul Islam and Secretary Dr. Abdun Noor, Chhatra Andolan Parishad Convener and Joint Convener Muhammad Zakaria and Muhammad Enayetullah and Islami Chhatra Shibir University Chapter Publicity Secretary Shahidul Huq Khan signed their respective statements.

Chittagong university chapter of Bangladesh Chhatra League and Chittagong District Samajtantrik Chhatra Front leaders in separate statements also demanded reopening of the university as per schedule.

They termed the closure of the University as undesirable and against the interest of students.

They said, students who returned to the campus had been put to sufferings as they could not enter the halls today as per the schedule.