



Police raid DU halls: arms recovered

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Dhaka Metropolitan Police conducted a surprise raid in all the 13 residential halls of Dhaka University in the small hours on Friday and recovered huge arms, explosives and other lethal weapons. Police took nine persons to custody for interrogation.

The raid started at 6 a.m. and continued till 9 a.m. The police conducted the search at the call of the University authorities to flush out the gunmen and clean the residential halls from arms and ammunition. Two women halls were raided by the women police.

A police Press release said that on the eve of the reopening of the University today (Saturday) the raid was conducted to clean the halls.

From Bangabandhu Hall the police recovered two chocolate bombs, five iron rods and three hockey sticks. In Shahidullah Hall, police found one live cocktail, two knives, two bullets of 303 rifle, three bullets of SMG, two bullets of .22 bore rifle, three bullets of 38 special revolver, a lower portion of a gun, one Chinese axe, two pipes, one ramdao and hockey stick.

From Faziul Huq Hall police recovered two knives, three hockey sticks and an old telephone set. From Jagannath Hall, police recovered one knife. The police recovered four

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pipe guns, from Sgt. Zahurul Haq Hall. The police also raided the Kataban slum area which is known as den of corruption and shelter for the outsiders and recovered a toy pistol, a shabol and two chapatis.

During the search, the concerned hall authorities and other officials of the University were present.

It may be mentioned here that the Education Minister earlier on Thursday assured all help in maintaining peace on the campus.

A huge contingent of police forces are on duty at different points of the University. The entry points of the University are guarded by police and all vehicles except rickshaws have been banned to ply through the campus.

DU opens today

Dhaka University resumes its academic activities today (Saturday) after a eight-day unscheduled closure. The University was closed on February 9 after a bloody clash which claimed one life and injuries to 50 persons. The clash was originated following an armed attack on the victory procession of the female members of the Central Students Action Committee (CSAC) after its full panel victory in the DUCSU (Dhaka University Central Students Union) polls. All examinations of the University, however, remained suspended till February 28.