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'Bomb' recovered from DU arts bldg

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Police recovered 'a bomb' from the Arts Faculty building of the Dhaka University Friday midnight, leaving the teachers and students in a state of panic, university authorities said.

A guard of the Arts Faculty building informed the authorities after he found the bomb wrapped in scotch tape inside a bathroom on the second floor of the building.

The Vice Chancellor called up the police control room at Shahbagh to take necessary steps soon after the 'bomb' was found at around 10 pm.

Following the call, a group of police personnel from the control room went to the spot and recovered the 'bomb' and took it to their control room at Shahbagh, sources added.

Security officer of DU, Mohammad Shafir Azim, who was present during the recovery of the 'bomb' told The Daily Star yesterday night that the "explosive might have been a petrol bomb."

"Police told me that it was a bomb but they did not disclose what type of explosive it was," Shafir Azim said quoting the police.

But both Ramna police and police control room said that they were not aware of any

bomb recovery on DU campus.

When contacted, they said 'No case or complaint was filed with the police in this regard.'

Talking to this correspondent yesterday, both VC and proctor of the university confirmed the bomb recovery incident. They, however, said that they were not sure whether there was an explosion.

"I asked the police to look into the matter when I was informed that a bomb was found inside the Arts Building on Friday night," said Vice Chancellor Prof A K Azad Chowdhury.

The VC, however, refused to make any comment.

Proctor Prof AKM Nurunnabi said that he heard the news of the recovery of a bomb from inside the Arts Faculty building.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at a rally on the campus yesterday condemned the bomb explosion incident inside the proctor's office and bomb plantation at the Arts Building.

They held Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) responsible for both the incidents and demanded immediate arrest and punishment to those responsible.