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Islami University issue: Local people barricade highway

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GAZIPUR, Jan 11: Movement of vehicles were disrupted today on Tongi-Joydevpur road following placement of barricades on the road by the agitated students and the crowd to protest against the move of the authorities concerned to oust students and remove furniture from the Islami University and its halls. A contingent of police numbering over one hundred laid a siege around the Islami University Hall in the early hours of today and

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tried to remove furniture of the university. At this time residents of the hall called for help of the local people through mike of the mosque to which a large number of people responded instantaneously and built resistance against the police action. After this police and University authorities left the campus.

To protest this the agitated people cut down trees on both sides of Tongi-Joydevpur road and placed those on its various points to block the movement of vehicles on the road. As a result, vehicles could not ply on Dhaka-Gazipur, Tangail-Mymensingh and Jamalpur routes from dawn to dusk today.

An all-party protest rally was held this evening with the local Union Parishad Chairman, Mr Abul Hashem in the chair on this road in the front of Islami University. The rally was addressed, among others, by Gazipur Powrashava Chairman ASM Mojammeel Huq, Prof Abdul Mannan, Advocate Alauddin Hossain, Ajmat Ullah Khan, Mujibur Rahman, Shamsunnahar, Motaleb Hossain, Mir Halimuzzaman Nani and Minhaj Uddin Khan.

The speakers at the rally which was organised by an all party committee to resist shifting of the Islami University threatened to call continuous hartal from January 14 if the order for shifting of the university was not withdrawn immediately.