

# Disorder in C.U

From A Correspondent : Chittagong

Chittagong University is in the grip of a serious crisis with almost all quarters blaming the Vice Chancellor and his administration for mishandling the situation.

Last Wednesday, the 10-party-party student alliance called the Sangrami Chhatra Oikkyo called for a full-day general strike demanding resignation of Vice Chancellor Professor Mohammad Ali and expulsion of armed miscreants from the campus.

Since the reopening of the university February 4 after an unscheduled closure for 69 days, the situation on the campus grew tense and abnormal amid reports of hundreds of Islami Chhatra Shibir boys taking control of the campus.

It is reported that three of the residential halls are now under the Shibir's absolute control, while the other three are practically empty. Attendance in the classes is reportedly very poor.

Most of the wanted persons believed to be connected with the November 26 incident, in which Jatiyo Chhatra Samaj leader of Chittagong University Abdul Hamid's right hand was chopped off allegedly by Shibir boys, are reported to be now staying in one of these halls.

Although the VC had promised to take action against them before the reopening of university, nothing practically has so far been done. The inquiry into the incident appears to have been suspended.

It is gathered that Hamid had close links with other student groups at the university, together acting as an effective check on Shibir's ambition to gain control of the entire university.

Most students belonging to the Samaj, which is the student front of the ruling Jatiyo Party, it is further learnt, now feel betrayed by the government leaders and they may join some other student organization, notably the Jatiyobadi Chhatra Dal of BNP to which Hamid once belonged.

In the meantime, Chittagong University announced dates for a number of admission tests and honors examinations for this week.

But all the student bodies except Shibir opposed this program, claiming that such tests would be influenced by Shibir in their favor, and a majority of the students would not be able to take part in the honors exams for want of safety.

Even the CU Teachers' Association, alarmed by the situation, made a request to the authority to ensure full security to the students before starting the exams.

The Vice Chancellor, however, decided to go ahead with the program. The result was what was anticipated.

The first day's test in the Humanities on March 1 was disrupted with students preventing all transportation carrying teachers and students, including the shuttle trains, from going from the city to the campus.

The VC, disregarding the opinion of the admission committee, gave the test that began at 1.30 p.m. instead of at 10 a.m. Only 50 candidates, mostly alleged Shibir boys who had managed to stay overnight in the dormitories, could take the test.

Later, the Teachers' Association, in a statement, rejected the test as a farce, while the Chhatra Oikkyo described it as a conspiracy to admit only Shibir students and demanded its cancellation.

The next two admission tests for the Commerce and Science groups were also disrupted in a similar manner. But the VC stuck to his decision without reference to the Academic Council or the Syndicate which are normally consulted on such matters.

The dates of the honors exams, however, have been shifted due to the strike on March 4. But these exams, including the first and second year subsidiary exams, have been shifted four times since last October on the VC's own orders.

Meanwhile, the Sangrami Chhatra Oikkyo has announced its determination to continue with the movement, and if necessary 'gherao' the university in order to flush the Shibir elements out and make the VC resign.

