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FBUTA sit-in before PM's Sectt Oct 5

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The Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers Associations (FBUTA) will observe sit-in demonstration in front of the Secretariat of Prime Minister on October 5 to press home their demand for arrest and trial of those involved in recent violent incidents at Jahangirnagar University and Islamic University.

The FBUTA will go for a three-day strike from October 10 for withdrawal of "false case" filed against ten teachers of Jahangirnagar University by a former JUCSU leader following the violence of July 29 on the university campus.

The action programme was announced by the FBUTA leaders from a 'grand-rally' held on Thursday at TSC premises of Dhaka University. Chaired by FBUTA President Prof. Mustahidur Rahman, the rally was addressed, among others, by Prof. Sayeed-ur Rahman, Prof. Aminul Islam and Prof. Muhabbat Khan of Dhaka University, Prof. Muhammad Koyesuddin of Rajshahi University, Prof. Munsurul Amin of Agriculture University, Prof. Abdur Razzak and Joynal Abedin of BUET, Prof. Sayed Abdul Hai and Prof. Jasimuddin Ahmed of Jahangirnagar University and Mr. Kamaluddin of Islamic University.

The speakers at the rally blamed the government for its failure to maintain academic atmosphere on the University campus and deman-

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ded resignation of Education Minister and Home Minister for failing to nab terrorists responsible for violences on the campus.

FBUTA leaders slated Information Minister for his motivated and fabricated statements on the violent incident of July 29 during the Parliament session on August 15 and demanded his immediate removal.

They announced that the university teachers will boycott all functions where Information Minister Barrister Nazmul Huda might attend for his derogatory comments against teachers community.

Expressing concern over the violent incidents at Rajshahi University and Chittagong University they said that terrorism in the educational arena had been increased alarmingly due to the Government's partisan attitude regarding nabbing the trouble-makers.

They demanded stern action against the persons responsible for the killing of a student at Rajshahi University.

FBUTA leaders urged all including the political parties for joint efforts rising above all narrowness to eliminate terrorism from educational arena.

Earlier, the teachers of different universities brought out a silent procession from BUET campus and converged at TSC.

Meanwhile, university teachers of the country observed a full-day strike on Thursday demanding immediate arrest and trial of those responsible for the attack on Jahangirnagar University teachers on July 29.