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6 injured in attack by Shibrites

RU teachers on strike till V-C resigns

RAJSHAHI, Jan. 8:—Rajshahi University teachers went on wildcat strike from today as a 'Shibir' attack on them left six injured, reports UNB.

An All-Party Student combine also called a student strike for tomorrow (Thursday) demanding punishment of the culprits.

Both the protesting teachers and students also demanded removal of the Jamaat-nominated Vice-Chancellor, Prof Yusuf Ali.

Witnesses said five teachers and an Assistant Registrar were wounded in the attack by Islami Chhatra Shibir

activists. The Shibrites, they said, attacked the anti-VC teachers at the Vice-Chancellor's office this (Wednesday) morning over an issue of holding selection committee meeting.

The pro-Awami League teachers were insisting that the VC shift today's selection committee meeting where three teachers will be chosen for the Islamic History department of the university.

The injured are Prof Mozaffar Hossain Shamsuddin Ilias of Psychology, Faezuzzaman of Islamic His-

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tory, Shamsuddin Khokon of Mathematics and Maloy Bhowmik of Management department and Assistant Registrar Mahbub Alam. They were given first aid from the university's medical centre.

They came under attack when they assembled at the VC office to press him not to hold today's selection committee meeting.

The Rajshahi University Teachers Association (RUTA) and All-Party Student Action Committee demanded removal of the Vice-Chancellor and punishment of those responsible for the heinous incident.

RUTA at its meeting immediate after the incident gave a call for work abstention in the university until the VC quits.

Some 170 teachers were present in the meeting held at the Juberee House with RUTA President Prof M Yunus in the chair. There are 600 teachers in the university.

Different student organisations including Chharr League, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Chhatra Union formed "All Party Student Action Committee" and held a rally in front of university's Kazla Gate to protest the attack on the teachers.

From the rally they announced a student strike for tomorrow (Thursday).

On Tuesday the "yellow panel" teachers supported by the ruling Awami League and a faction of the opposition BNP, swept the RUTA and other elections. They urged the VC to suspend all selection committee meetings till the newly elected teachers' installation.

The yellow panel swept the RUTA, Dean, Syndicate and Planning Commission elections, "Green Panel," backed by Jamaat-e-Islami and another group of BNP got a drubbing in the elections.

The installation of the newly elected teachers of RUTA, Dean, Syndicate and Planning Commission will be held on January 22. The VC scheduled had scheduled selection committee meeting in-between December 8 and 16 to appoint 36 teachers in different departments.

The unruly activists of Chhatra Shibir, the student wing of Jamaat-e-Islami, also stormed different rooms of administrative building and Arts Faculty unleashing a reign of terror on the campus.