



CU classes to resume today amid tension

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CHITTAGONG, Nov 2:—The classes of Chittagong University (CU) will resume tomorrow (Saturday) in a tense situation after a 14-day long Durga Puja and Autumn vacation as the leaders and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) decided to enter in the campus tomorrow.

After the resumption of classes on October 10, no front line leaders or activists of BCL entered in the university campus as Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) resisted them, according to our university sources.

After a landslide victory of BNP-led 4-Party Alliance in the 8th General election of the country on October 1, ICS captured all the six halls of CU on October 7 as the university authority opened these after the lapse of two months. CU closed sine die after a bloody clash between ICS and BCL on August 13 that left more than 20 students of the both sides injured.

The administrative activities of CU went on as usual during the vacation except October 22 to 25. All halls of the university were opened for the convenience of the resident students of CU.

According to the BCL leaders, the ICS cadres beat more than 50 supporters of BCL after resumption of CU classes on October 10. Nasir Haidar Babul, General Secretary of CU BCL, told the Bangladesh Observer, the wring and oppression of ICS cadres is increasing day by day over our activists and leaders. We are first student and then the activists of BCL. For that reason we must continue our studentship here and we will attend our respective

classes and examinations tomorrow. On the other hand BCL is not like those student fronts in CU who are loyal to cadre-based politics. We only practice merit based and student based politics.

While talking with CU BCL President, Jilur Rahman Jewel said, we will enforce indefinite siege programme on the campus if any activists or leader of BCL is attacked by ICS cadres tomorrow. The authority of CU was responsible for the attack on our party men after October 10 as they failed to give security to them. Tomorrow we will give the last chance to CU authority to show their manner otherwise, they will be responsible for any type of unwanted situation.

On the other hand, Alauddin Siqdar, CU ICS President, denied all allegations against them. He said, we are always in the favour of co-existence on the campus as well as in the halls. We will welcome them tomorrow if they enter in the university campus. But the listed terrorists and charged sheeted killers will not be allowed to enter in the holy place like CU campus.

But our university sources informed that both the rival groups of CU, ICS and BCL, now are prepared to tackle each other. Both the political groups assembled their respective cadres and arms for any unwanted situation tomorrow sources alleged.

Meanwhile, the authority of CU has deployed a strong contingent of police on the campus for avoiding any unwanted situation, which will hamper the smooth running of the academic activities of the university.