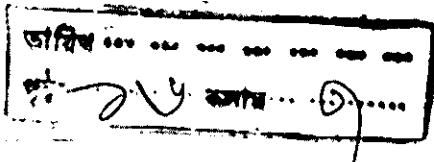


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JCD to start strike in CU from today

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CHITTAGONG, Aug 12:— The Vice-Chancellor's meeting with all hall provosts of Chittagong University (CU) could not make any headway in resolving the present crisis of the university.

The VC of CU today met with the hall provosts of the university to discuss the present CU crisis in the Administrative Building at 12 pm. But the Provosts of halls of CU said as there is an Environment Council (EC) still working to solve the crisis that prevails on the campus so the halls provost have nothing to do at this moment. The Provosts can work as the EC advises them to do, according to university sources.

Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS), student wing of the Jamaat-e-Islami now is observing their indefinite strike programme on CU campus from Saturday to realise their 10 point demand. Their demands include rehabilitation of ICS activists in Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) captured Shahjalal Hall and Shah Amanat Hall, arrest of those BCL activists who are involved in the killing and toll collecting on the CU campus, removal of present CU Proctor Dr Tawhid Hossain Chowdhury, recovery of illegal arms from the campus and withdrawal of ban decision on all political activities on CU campus.

While talking with the Bangladesh Observer CU ICS President Alauddin Sikdar told, we told the VC of CU that if the authority of the university rehabilitate our activists in the BCL captured halls today we will withdraw our indefinite strike from tomorrow.

On the other hand, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of BNP will start their indefinite strike from tomorrow if their 8 point demand was not met.

Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU), a left leaning student organisation of CU rejected this indefinite strike. In a press release they said that there is no reason to call this strike as there are more ways to press their demands to the university authority. This is the wrong way and hostaging of 14,000 students academic life will not be good for any one in the long run.

Meanwhile, the general students of the university when contacted expressed their resentment over the VC and Caretaker Government. They said that it is the VC's failure as he could not solve the problem of rehabilitation of ICS activists and the present Caretaker Government could not make any fruitful steps to run the educational institutions of the country without any unwanted situation also as in CU.