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60 teachers observe hunger strike

Situation still tense in CU

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CHITTAGONG, June 10:—Sixty teachers of Chittagong University today en-masse observed token hunger strike at Dr. Milan Square in front of Chittagong New Market to press home their demand to arrest the terrorists now besieging the campus.

The University teachers sat huddled on the pavement under the shadow of makeshift shelter.

The teachers stayed there from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. with banners hanged behind having scribbles of their different demands.

The prominent teachers who went on one day hunger strike are Dr. Anupam Sen of Management Department, Prof. Hamida Banu of Physics Department, Prof. Enamul Huq of Islamic History Department, Prof. Zia Haider of Fine Arts Department, Prof. Abul Kashem Chow-

dhury of Management Department, Dr. Moinul Islam of Economics Department, Prof. Hujjat Ali Pramanik of Physics Department, Prof. Abu Yusuf of Islamic History Department and Prof. Abdul Mannan of Management.

Several left Lenient party politicians and student leaders also addressed the people gathered in thousands from same rostrum surround of which the striking teachers sat.

Among the prominent speakers were Mr. ABM Mohiuddin of Awami League, Pulin Dey of Awami League, Khurshid Alam Sujan of BAKSAL, Mr. Balagatullah of BSD, CUCSU Vice-President Mohammad Nazimuddin and CUCSU General Secretary Azimuddin.

However, the situation in Chittagong University is still tense. (See Page 10 Col. 4)

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Situation

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Chittagong University continued to remain tense with Islami Chhatra Shibir holding meetings on the campus. The CUCSU leaders appear to have virtually deserted the campus since the Shibir gave the strike call.

The teachers of Chittagong University seem to have divided into three separate groups namely left Lenient Democratic Teachers Forum and pro-VC groups and Chittagong University Jatiyatabadi Shikkhok Parishad. Those teachers who went on hunger strike today are the supporters of the incumbent Vice-Chancellor Prof. Alamgir Mohammad Shirajuddin. The Jatiyatabadi Shikkhok Parishad the Nationalist Teachers Council through a Press release demanded of the Government to make immediate publication of the full text of Judicial Inquiry Commission report to help restore the normalcy in Chittagong University.

BSS adds: An emergency meeting of Chittagong University Syndicate today called upon the local administration to extend necessary cooperation to the university authority to keep academic and administrative activities running, a University Press release said.

The meeting expressed deep concern over the continuous locking up of the University gates and faculties by a student organisation hampering normal functioning of the University. The Syndicate meeting also called for providing security to the Vice Chancellor who was said to be feeling insecure.

The meeting noted with concern that the Syndicate could not hold meeting to discuss the prevailing situation on the campus nor even the Budget meeting because of the locking up of the university gates.