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Tension in CU BCL, ICS optimistic for supremacy

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CHITTAGONG, Nov 18:—Tension has been mounting fast among the students and faculty members of Chittagong University (CU) as two students' bodies - Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) threatened to oust each other from the campus.

Showdown and counter showdown from the first day of re-opening virtually worried the general students, applicants even the university management.

The university management, however, claimed that they had taken all necessary steps to avert any untoward incident on the campus. The CU administration has beefed up security measures in and around the campus by deploying one hundred and fifty additional police force for maintaining law and order on the campus.

The ICS, student wing of the Jamat-e-Islami Bangladesh, at a rally which held at the university railway station today vowed that they would take revenge of the killers of Mojaheedin, an ICS activist who was beaten to death on October 28 in capital.

Earlier, the ICS brought out a big procession from Martyred Intellectual Square of the campus, which paraded different streets of the campus and ended at the university railway station through holding a rally. During the procession, the leaders and activists of the ICS chanted slogans against the AL and its student wing BCL.

On the other hand, the CU unit of the BCL brought out a procession from the same place at about 12:00 p.m. Later, the BCL leaders and activists held a rally in front of Administration building.

The leaders of the BCL threatened to go for tougher action including indefinite strike on the campus if the CU management fails to implement their seven-point demands including immediate arrest of outsiders, conducting raids in the dorms, cancellation of illegal hiring of teachers and employees and seat allocation to the unfit students dropping relatively fit students.

Meanwhile, the CU unit of the Progatishil Chhatra Jote (PCJ) brought out procession and held rallies on the campus this afternoon in protest against the price hike of the enrolment test forms and fees.