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CU remains paralysed for 7th day

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CHITTAGONG, May 13.—All academic activities in Chittagong University remained paralysed for seventh consecutive day today.

The academic life in the university came to a halt following a call for an indefinite strike by the ruling Awami League-backed Chhatra League since May 6. The Chhatra League gave the strike call to protest, what it called unprovoked attack and injuries on the Chhatra League workers by the Shibir activists at Campus Railway Station during the reception of the freshers on May 5.

The Chhatra League workers laid a round-the-clock siege to the entrance of the university at main road to thwart the entry of anybody inside the campus and thus to make the strike a success. The Chhatra League workers remain clung around the main gate in batches.

The inevitable outcome is that no vehicle could run to and from the campus throughout the day. The residents on the campus have now virtually been living captives.

Even the shuttle trains carrying students from the city could not ply to the campus.

The Shibir leaders at a press conference on Monday evening put up a five-point demand that included immediate arrest and ousting of those "Chhatra League terrorists" who were responsible for attack on a Shibir procession at Campus Railway Station on May 5.

The Shibir leaders announced the submission of memorandum to the district and police administration on Wednesday and enforcement of strike on the campus on Thursday (May 15) to press home demand to flush out "Chhatra League trouble-mongers from the main gate".

The Shibir supporters also held rallies and took out processions on the campus.