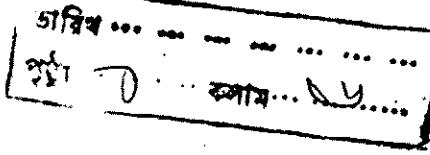


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ICS begins indefinite strike on CU campus

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CHITTAGONG, Sept. 9.—Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) has started their indefinite strike on Chittagong University (CU) campus to realise their 6-point demand. Their demands are resignation of CU Vice-Chancellor Professor Fazlee Hossain, immediate resumption of CU classes, removal of CU Proctor Dr. Tawhid Hossain Chowdhury and rehabilitation of the students in all CU halls.

The attendance of teachers, officers and employees of the university was very much thin as no buses plied from CU to or city to campus due to the strike.

In the morning, near Oxygen Square ICS activists threatened three drivers of CU bus that they would be killed if they plied buses further ahead to the city. At this the drivers returned to the campus along with the buses. No buses came out from the transport section.

While talking with the VC of CU Professor Fazlee Hossain said, ICS enforced this strike to (See Page 16 Col. 6)

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rehabilitate their 60 activists in Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) captured Shah Jalal Hall and Shah Amanat Hall and reopen the university classes next.

Both ICS and BCL stay in their own position and they said that they would enforce if their demands were not met. In this position how can I open the university? he added.

After the Association of University, Bangladesh (AUB) meeting on September 15 I will call Syndicate meeting on September 16 or 17 to discuss the reopening of CU, said CU VC.

On the other hand ICS leaders in a meeting expressed their determination to continue their indefinite strike programme till the fulfilment of their 6-point demand, says a Press release.

While contacted BCL leaders said, ICS hostage the academic life of 14,000 students of the university by enforcing this indefinite strike on the campus.