

ICS, BCL siege in CU Admission seekers Viva uncertain, problem to be resolved soon, VC

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CHITTAGONG, Mar 25: - The viva-voce examinations of the new entrants in Chittagong University (CU) has become uncertain due to the ongoing indefinite siege enforced by Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL).

The uncertainty caused serious trouble to the enrolment seekers who successfully overcome the hurdles of written test.

Student wing of the main opposition party Awami League - BCL, and student front of Jamaat-e-Islami - ICS, announced indefinite siege on the campus demanding immediate action against the culprits of March 18 incident.

A total of 30 students including 12 ICS workers, 14 BCL activists and four enrolment seekers were injured in a clash between ICS and BCL.

Due to the siege programme a good number of enrolment seekers might not attend in the Viva-voce examination. The first viva-voce of Physical Science was held today with a good number of admission seekers remaining absent.

A group of pickets damaged four university buses at Nandankanon area of the city. On the other hand, a group of BCL workers ransacked the room of Sholashahar Stationmaster on Saturday night at around 8 p.m. and stopped the university bound train for 30 minutes.

The 3-member inquiry committee, which formed to probe the March 18 incident, today took statements of 20 witnesses. The committee will also take another round of statements from the witnesses on March 27.

Meanwhile, it is alleged by different student organizations of the university that the recent clash was explained by ICS. They said

that the admission test of 'Kha' unit (Arts Faculty) was scheduled for March 19 where a huge number of ICS workers were the candidate for this unit and stayed at different halls of the university under the supervision of the ICS leaders.

The ICS made the chaotic situation as the general enrolment seekers might not come to take seat for the admission test fearing another round of clash. By taking this chance the ICS activists who came from different parts of the country may get easy chance in the university, many leaders of different student organizations alleged.

They pointed that ICS called student strike on March 19 but did not resist the Admission test and even did not put barricade to the vehicles to enter the university which is very much abnormal for ICS.

But CU unit of ICS President Didarul Alam Majumdar totally denied the allegation and said that this propaganda was created by the BCL to demolish the image of ICS.

But with this dispute of two rival groups the 14,000 student of the university were facing uncertainty. There are final examinations going on in many departments, which also have now become uncertain.

Vice-Chancellor of the university Professor AJM Nuruddin Chowdhury strongly condemned the attitude of the ICS and BCL and said that they were now playing with the academic life of thousands of students.

"We're trying our best to resolve the crisis and we think that success would come within a short time," the VC added.