

Indefinite strike announced JCD activists attack BUET students, 15 injured

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Cadres of ruling BNP backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) attacked the agitated students of Bangladesh University of Engi-

neering and Technology (BUET) on Tuesday leaving fifteen students injured. Police charged baton on the

warring two group of students on the BUET campus.

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Indefinite strike

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and Fundamentalism", a Dhaka University based platform of different left leaning student organisation called a strike in BUET for an indefinite period from today (Wednesday) protesting the JCD attack on the general students.

They also demanded resignation of BUET Vice Chancellor Prof. Alee Mortuza, accusing him of the attack on the students.

However, in an emergency meeting, the BUET authorities announced a seven days' vacation which, will be effective from October 8 and will continue till October 14.

The anti terrorism platform called an emergency meeting of all the left leaning student organisations and the minority (Hindu) students of BUET on Wednesday. The meeting was going on till the time of filing of the report.

According to sources, the Hindu students of BUET along with the activists of left leaning student organisations called the strike on BUET on Wednesday protesting the authorities decision of only one day vacation on the occasion of Durga Puja, the biggest religious festival of the Hindu community.

The students demanded at least seven days' vacation as the other educational institutions would enjoy it but the university authorities did not agree to it.

The students said, they went to the VC to discuss the matter after seeing the academic calendar where only one day vacation was mentioned on the occasion on October 12.

The students alleged that Prof. Mortuza behaved roughly with

them when they went to him to discuss the matter. To press home their demand the students formed a human chain on the campus on September 24 and they observed a hunger strike on September 25 but the university authorities did not change the decision.

On Tuesday the students called a strike on the campus to realise their demand. They staged a sit in demonstration in front of the VC's office on Tuesday noon where a meeting of university authorities was going on.

Later when the students came to know that the authorities announced seven days' vacation for Durga Puja, they were preparing to bring out a victory rally on the campus.

At that time Vice Chancellor Prof. Mortuza came to the spot and asked the students to withdraw their movement as the authorities have already met their demand. Then he left the place.

Suddenly some unruly students belonging to JCD came to the spot and attacked the students. They beat the students mercilessly. At least ten students including two JCD activists were injured during the clash. Police charge baton on the students to disperse them. Five more students received injuries in the police attack.

The injured were identified as, Anupom, Himadri, Rasel and Antu. Last two are activists of JCD.

Following the attack, "Platform against Terrorism and Fundamentalism", in a Press conference announced the strike programme for an indefinite period in BUET from today (Wednesday). They also demanded resignation of BUET VC.