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Assaulted CU teacher enter campus under police protection

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CHITTAGONG, Feb 2:–Assistant Professor of Arabic and Islamic Studies Department of Chittagong University SM Rafiqul Alam, who was assaulted by the Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) workers yesterday, entered the campus under police protection.

Police personnel escorted SM Rafiqul Alam until he left the campus in the afternoon.

The oppressed faculty lodged a formal complaint with the Vice-Chancellor of the university.

On Saturday, a group of ICS workers led by Abdur Rahman and Belal, students of Arabic and Islamic Studies Department, assaulted SM Rafiqul Alam in retaliation to his involvement in sex scandal with a female student of the department.

The ICS leaders also asked SM Rafiqul Alam to quit the university. Otherwise, they cautioned serious action that might go up to killing.

Chittagong University Teachers Association (CUTA) will hold an emergency meeting tomorrow to review assault of SM Rafiqul Alam.

The CUTA in a written statement condemned the attack on the teacher and demanded immediate formation of probe body and punishment of the culprits.

On the other hand, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of the opposition party Awami League, also condemned the attack on the teacher.

In the statement they said that this attack was part of the on going oppression over the teachers, intellectuals of the country by the BNP led 4-party alliance government.

They also threatened greater movement if the ICS cadres were not punished immediately.