

Deadlock reigns in IU

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THE stalemate at Islamic University of Kushtia continued on Sunday even after the withdrawal of teachers' work abstention.

Many teachers are not coming to the campus from a feeling of insecurity after the attack on them by Bangladesh Chhatra League activists on Saturday. Only a few teachers who support IU treasurer M Shahajahan Ali and proctor AHM Akteruzzaman took classes on Sunday.

The departments of biotechnology and genetic engineering, computer science and engineering, information and communication engineering, applied physics and communication engineering, and applied nutrition and food technology under science faculty, department of politics and public administrations, Arabic, Islamic history, and economics under arts and social science faculty, departments of al-Quran and Islamic studies, al-Hadith and Islamic studies, and D'awah and Islamic studies under theology faculty, department of finance and banking under business faculty, and department of al-Fiqh under law faculty remained locked up.

IU teachers' association in a written statement on Saturday announced withdrawal of its work abstention programme from Sunday and requested teachers to take classes and examinations. It also demanded punishment of the attackers on teachers within seven days.

But IU units of Bangabandhu Parishad, Zia Parishad, and Green Forum in separate meetings on Saturday night in Kushtia decided to continue with work abstention until their demand was met.

BCL IU unit at a press conference on Sunday denied involvement of BCL activists in the attack on teachers.

The news run by various dailies was not correct and was aimed at tarnishing the image of BCL, claimed BCL IU unit president Jahangir Hossain and secretary Shamsuzzaman Tubin at the conference.

They said agitated general students beat up teachers as they were not taking classes.

A group of BCL activists led by Jahangir and Shamsuzzaman attacked on teachers on Saturday, breaking open the door of teachers' lounge and brandishing firearms, leaving 50 of them injured.