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CU students facing transport crisis

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CHITTAGONG, Feb 3: - Non-resident students of Chittagong University (CU) have been facing inexpressible transport crisis in recent days due to insufficient vehicles against the increasing number of students.

Though students at the university have gradually been increasing each year, the university management is not paying heed to the students' demands even after repeated requests from different students bodies.

Approximately three thousand fresh entrants under the academic calendar 2006-2007, who are under process in starting the scheduled classes, doubled the transport crisis from the very begging of the current year.

Leaders of different students bodies who are active on the cam-

pus voiced together with the general students, alleged that the university management did not take any action to add additional compartments with the existing trains those are shuttling between the city and university campus.

"The university management always pledged to increase motorized vehicles on city to campus route and attach additional coaches with the existing two trains apart from introducing one more train on the same track to meet rapidly growth crisis," Mohammad Rashedul Hossain said with anger.

The pledges remain pledges and the students of university did not see the implementation of the so-called pledges given by the university management. Mo
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hammad Rashedul explained his stand.

The CU campus is located about 22 kilometers off from the port city Chittagong. The hired shuttle trains from Bangladesh Railway are the main transportation of the non-resident students those are residing at different parts of the city and its adjacent areas.

Only nine male and female dormitories and two hostels have been commissioned at the campus since its inception in 1966. Both the dormitories and hostels can accommodate approximately four thousand students against total students of 17 thousand.

On the other hand, more than 12 thousand students out of 17 thousand, regularly use shuttle trains as their means to go the campus for attending their scheduled classes and exams.

But there are only two shuttle trains comprising ten to twelve compartments plying ten times to and from the city and the campus in each day, which are really insufficient to carry huge students.

Lack of sufficient compartments, more than four thousand students has to untold sufferings in attending their classes and examinations. Tendency of traveling campus via rooftop of the shuttle train has become common phenomenon, which has ultimately been bringing untoward incidents to the students even physical casualties.

"We're bound to journey regularly sitting on the rooftop of the shuttle train taking the risk of life. But the CU management did not pay heed to take away our woe," Mohammed Rafiqul Islam, a student of Communication and Journalism department told the Bangladesh Observer.

Majority of the students claimed that they could not concentrate their mind during the lecture session after being exhausted in mind-numbing congested manner at the shuttle trains.

Proctor of the CU Professor Didarul Alam said that the university authority had taken necessary steps to provide one more shuttle train for smooth transportation of the students.