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BIT teachers seek security

CHITTAGONG, Oct. 24: The teachers and employees of Bangladesh Institute of Technology (BIT) here today handed over a memorandum to the Divisional Commissioner of Chittagong calling upon him to take appropriate measure to ensure their security on the campus, reports BSS.

The teachers and employees of BIT in their memorandum mentioned that two rival groups of students had turned the campus into a battle field by frequently resorting to exchange of fire, brick batting and clashes.

It alleged that the rival groups of students also exchanged fire last night for about five hours when the teachers and the employees on the campus felt quite insecure. The continued terrorism has created panic among the teachers and the employees who cannot live there with a sense of security, the memorandum pointed out.

The teachers and the employees were also threatened to stop all academic and other works if proper steps were not taken by the appropriate authority to check terrorism in BIT campus.

The teachers brought out a procession in the city in support of their

demands.

Report from Chittagong office adds: Three hours long shoot out took place at Bangladesh Institute of Engineering & Technology (BIT) at Rangunia on Wednesday mid night.

There were over 400 rounds of gun fire by the warring groups.

At least 50 students were injured in the clashes, 15 of them seriously. Later, they were admitted to different hospitals.

Rangunia police said over 100 outsiders stormed into the Institute and opened indiscriminate gun fire. Police finally intervened and brought the situation under control. But the police could not give the reason for the shoot out.

However, JCD blamed the pro-AL Chhatra League for the attack on the BIT. JCD demanded a judicial inquiry into the incident.

Police arrested seven persons in this connection. They are Debashis Pali, A. Khaliq, Sumitra Barua, Monzurul Haq, Shaymal Mitra, A. Rashid and Jupitar Chakma. Police has been deployed at the BIT.

A complete strike observed at the BIT Institute today at the call of JCD.