


Tension grips KUET campus following clashes over student politics

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Additional police personnel and other forces remained deployed surrounding the campus to ward off any unwanted incident.

The students, however, on Tuesday night placed a five point demand, including resignation of the vice-chancellor, pro-VC, and students' affairs director, and issued an ultimatum to press home their demand.

They threatened that they would boycott classes and exams, if the demands aren't met by 1:00pm on Wednesday.

The protesting students gave the ultimatum at a press conference held on the campus around 10:30pm.

At 11:30pm, the students also brought out a protest rally and warned that no student politics on the campus would be allowed at any cost.

They demanded that those attacked them be brought to justice immediately.

Contacted, VC Professor Masud Rahman told UNB that he had received the five-point demand placed by the students.

He, however, made no remarks regarding the steps on the demands.

Earlier on Tuesday afternoon, at least 50 students were injured in a series of clashes between the general students and the JCD fellows over banning student politics on the campus.

At one stage of the clashes, outsiders, said to be BNP men, allegedly joined the JCD members, and attacked the students.

Protesting at the attacks on the KUET students, the Anti-Discrimination Student Movement brought out processions on the campuses of Dhaka University and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology on Tuesday night.