

Provosts of BUET halls resign in protest

By A Staff Reporter

Provosts and assistant provosts of all residential halls of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) resigned en masse Friday morning protesting the ransacking of the offices of provost and assistant provost of Suhrawardy Hall by a group of armed people Thursday evening.

The armed group also caused damage to the private car belonging to Suhrawardy Hall provost Dr. Mohammad Imtiaz Hossain.

In an emergency meeting,

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provosts and assistant provosts of all BUET residential halls demanded exemplary punishment to the persons responsible for the attack and payment of compensation for the car damaged in the incident.

A press release issued by provosts and assistant provosts said a group of armed people numbering about 10/12 entered Suhrawardy Hall keeping the hall guard at gun point and went straight to the office of the provost, who was present in the hall, but at another place. The armed group ransacked the provost's office and smashed the telephone set into pieces. They also caused damage to the office of the assistant provost and personal car belonging to Dr. Md. Imtiaz Hossain.

The meeting regretted that provosts were not aware of the actions taken by the university authority even after 15 hours of the incident. They alleged the BUET authorities were yet to contact the provosts.

The meeting felt that proper security was not there to run the affairs of the halls.

Meanwhile, the executive committee of Teachers Association of BUET in an emergency meeting on Friday strongly condemned the attack on the offices of Suhrawardy Hall provost and assistant provosts and demanded of BUET authorities to take effective measures for bringing an end to the crisis situation and ensuring security to teachers.

A General meeting of the association will be held tomorrow (Sunday) to review the overall situation at 11 a.m.