

Tension in BUET

BCL demands shifting of EUCSU polls

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The campus situations of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) has deteriorated further as pro-Awami League Chhatra League (M-I) observed strike in the University for the second consecutive day on Tuesday over the shifting of EUCSU polls date.

BNP backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Chhatra Union which are contesting in the polls scheduled on August 18 blamed the Chhatra League (M-I) for trying to foil the elections and urged the students to come forward to resist the "undemocratic activities" of Chhatra League (M-I).

Several bombs were exploded on the BUET campus on Tuesday. No classes were held due to strike programme of Chhatra League (M-I). A large contingent of police were posted in and around the campus to maintain campus peace.

It may be mentioned here that a number of rooms were ransacked and sporadic gunshots were heard from the direction of BUET campus during the last few days.

Meanwhile, the BUET authorities on Tuesday expressed their firm determination to hold the EUCSU polls on August 18 and said that it would not surrender to the unjust demand for shifting the polls.

The authorities said that it would take adequate security measures on the polls day to ensure the free and fair elections.

Meanwhile, the BUET unit of pro-Awami League Chhatra League (M-I) at a Press conference on Tuesday demanded postponement of Engineering University Central Students' Union (EUCSU) polls and urged the authorities to announce a

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fresh polls date after solving the examination problem.

Addressing a Press conference at the National Press Club, Chhatra League (M-I) leaders said that the BUET administration announced the EUCSU polls date at a time when students of third, fourth and fifth years have been demanding for holding of their examinations which was postponed earlier due to attack of viral fever to a considerable number of students. Students in support of their demand boycotted classes on July 31 and leaders of all student organisations decided to continue the movement, they added.

But the authorities without taking steps to hold the examinations announced EUCSU election date, they said and added that BNP backed JCD and Chhatra Union decided to join the polls betraying the movement of students.

In this situation Chhatra League (M-I) expressed its inability to join the polls before the examinations. They said, Chhatra League (M-I) is always in favour of EUCSU polls but keeping the life of hundred of students hostage Chhatra League (M-I) did not want to join the polls.

They said that although JCD had decided to join the polls but failed to file nomination papers for all posts due to internal conflicts. Clashes between the two JCD groups had pushed the campus into uncertainty, they added. If elections were held at this time students would not be able to cast their votes according to their choice, they said.

The Press conference was attended, among others, by BUET Unit Chhatra League (M-I) President Manjurul Haq Manju, Organising Secretary Kazi Khairul Bashar, Joint Secretary Hammad Mujib Rupan, Bidhan Chandra Dey and Bijon Kumer Sarker.