

Presidential intervention sought to solve BUET crisis

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Leaders of the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA) yesterday urged President Shahabuddin Ahmed for taking immediate steps to solve crisis at the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

"We have requested the president as the government has failed to solve the problem during the last one month," said FBUTA president Prof Jasim Uddin Ahmed while addressing a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city in the morning.

He said they have requested the government several time to look into the matter, but no steps have been taken so far to arrest and punish the culprits involved in the violent incidents at BUET which was closed sine die late last month.

Jasim, however, said that they were still keeping in touch

with the President and the Prime Minister to have problems in different universities, including the BUET, solved.

He alleged that the government even did not form a judicial probe body to investigate into the 'mysterious' role of police forces during the massive vandalism on the BUET campus.

Jasim said they will arrange an 'education seminar' next month to discuss the overall campus situation in the universities.

Dr Mostafizur Rahman, former president of Agricultural University Teachers' Association and a member of FBUTA, also condemned the government for not taking initiative to solve the crisis of BUET.

He alleged that the Awami League government was eager to fulfil their petty political interests rather than solving prob-

lems in various universities.

Rahman blamed the government for hatching conspiracy to upset congenial atmosphere at BUET and urged university teachers for launching a vigorous movement across the country to create pressure on the government to solve the problem.

Among others, Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) president and secretary Prof AFM Yusuf Haider and Ferdous Hossain, BUETTA president Prof M Hossain Ali and Jahangirnagar University Teacher Association general secretary Syed Kamrul Hasan addressed the rally.

Later, FBUTA brought out a mourning procession from the Central Shaheed Minar. Teachers' leaders from various universities took part in the procession which ended at the National Press Club after parading different city streets.