

Tough laws against terrorism demanded

Some 175 teachers of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) yesterday called Parliament members for enacting stringent laws to combat violence in the country, reports UNB.

"Terrorists and criminals feel encouraged by your inertia ... take exemplary steps, otherwise the government, democracy or the Sangsad, all will become redundant", said they in an open letter to Parliament members.

The signed letter was released to the press in view of the government inaction in taking effective steps to curb terrorism which also rocked the BUET campus on October 19.

The teachers called the incident a "medieval attack of free booters and blood-sprinkling anarchy" and regretted that no political parties condemned such acts of violence.

They also slated the law enforcing agencies for their indecent and insolent role in provoking a silent procession of the teachers, officers and employees on October 20.

The letter pointed out that the government and the opposition are engrossed in high sounding rhetoric about the "toll collection" which triggered the BUET violence but there is no precedence of punishing the culprits.

It reminded the Parliament

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members of the role they are to play saying "your politics can be guided by any principle but that should not be devoid of patriotism".

"We do not know how you (MPs) will repay for your dismal failure to contain terrorism," it said urging the MPs to draft tough laws to bring the terrorists to task and eradicate terrorism once for all.