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# Teachers to intensify movement to stop campus violence

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University teachers yesterday (Saturday) gave the government a November 30 deadline for curbing campus violence, failing which they said they will launch a greater movement, reports UNB.

The warning came at a rally of the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers Association (FBUTA), the apex body of teachers' associations of six universities, held to press for demands for effective measures to root out terrorism from the campuses.

More than 1500 teachers of Dhaka University and the Engineering University are already on strike protesting "inaction" of the administration to contain campus violence.

Teachers of all the six universities yesterday (Saturday) also called upon political parties, guardians, intellectuals and

student groups to strive for ending campus unrest.

The rally demanded a joint declaration by all political parties that none of them would give shelter to any terrorist elements. They must also expel the party activists found involved in terrorism.

Teachers urged the law enforcing agencies to deal with the terrorists with "iron hand" irrespective of their party affiliation.

Presided over by FBUTA President Prof Enamul Huq Khan, the rally at the Central Shaheed Minar was addressed, among others, by Federation Secretary Prof Mahfuzur Rahman, DUTA President Prof Anwasullah Chowdhury, BUET Teachers Association President Prof Jashimuzzaman, Islamic University Teachers Association's

Acting President Prof Yahia and Federation member Shah Mohammad Faruq.

The university held the authorities responsible for failing to check campus terrorism which they said had kept the academic life of the general students hostage at the hands of armed hooligans.

Teachers, students and employees in the universities were now suffering from serious insecurity, they said.

They also questioned the effectiveness and impartiality of the law enforcing agencies in tackling the campus situation and demanded a clear explanation from the Home Ministry about the "ineptitude of police."

Teachers strongly defended the University Ordinance of 1973 which they said was being wrong-

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ly blamed by certain quarters for the current unwarranted situation in the campus.

Earlier, the university teachers brought out a silent procession from the BUET Shaheed Minar, which paraded the BUET and DU campus and joined the rally.