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APSU warns of movement
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The All-Party Students' Union (APSU) of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) on Thursday warned the authorities of a tougher movement if actions were taken on the basis of the inquiry committee's report.
They stated the inquiry committee formed by BUET authorities to investigate into the vandalism on the campus in April. APSU leaders, at a Press conference on Thursday, termed the committee as biased and demanded for a judicial inquiry.
"But our main demand to the authorities is to reopen the university immediately", they said.
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The crisis in BUET now has entered into a critical stage as neither the student organisations nor the teachers are willing to move from their stands. In the stagnant situation, the general students are the worst sufferers.
The students of 1998-99 session, who have just enrolled in BUET, are likely to start their classes in the middle of next year—two years after the publication of their HSC results.
Earlier, the BUET Teachers' Association demanded expulsion of the three students who were caught by police on April 26 during the vandalism. The Association also demanded cancellation of the Engineering University Central Students' Union (EUCSU) and all the hall unions.
Their demands also include the expulsion of the student leaders who formulated the students' four-point demand. They also stood strongly against taking classes of more than four batches at a time.
Meanwhile, APSU leaders, at the Press conference, brought a number of allegations against the teachers and the inquiry committee.
They questioned the neutrality of the inquiry committee pointing out that all the six members of the committee were from the BUET teachers' association.
"The inquiry committee blamed the students who were not even present on the spot during the vandalism, and they were served with show cause notices", APSU leaders complained.
APSU, an allied platform of the BUET units of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Samajtantric Chhatra Front (SCF) and Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU), however, said that they were ready to sit with the authorities to find out an immediate solution to the crisis.
The press conference, held at BUET cafeteria, was attended, among others, by President of BCL BUET unit Taposh Kumar Dutta, General Secretary ANM Wahiduzzaman, Joint Secretary of BCU BUET unit Shomen Hazra and Mozammel Hayat of JCD.