

NSU stands by country people to fight terror

Says its chairman

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Against the backdrop of the recent terrorism involving youths, North South University (NSU) yesterday held a programme highlighting the patriotic zeal of its young students.

Hundreds of students gathered on the NSU premises to sing the national anthem and formed a map of Bangladesh with red and green placards holding over their head.

Addressing the event, Azim Uddin Ahmed, chairman of the NSU Board of Trustees, pledged that NSU would play a bold role with the people of Bangladesh in the fight against militancy.

NSU Vice Chancellor Prof Atiqul Islam said the university would do everything possible to assist the government, law enforcers and others to fight militancy.

Talking to journalists after the event, Prof Atiqul said the students got admitted to the university, when they were 17-18 years-old.

It should not be assumed that they were radicalised after they came here, he said.

He added that the students' only identity is not their university's, as they spend a lot of time with their families, neighbourhoods and elsewhere.

Three of the nine militants killed in a law enforcers' raid at a Kalyanpur den last week were the students of NSU. In the two terrorist attacks at the beginning of last month at Holey Artisan and Sholakia Eidgah, at least one attacker in each of the incident studied in NSU.

The VC also urged parents of children aged between 16 and 24 to pay attention to the websites their children are visiting.