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DU, BUET form anti-extremism human chain

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AAMS Arefin Siddique, vice-chancellor of the Dhaka University, have said that if any teacher, student, official or employee of the university is found involved in extremist activities, the authorities will take immediate action against them.

'We have come to know that Pakistani intelligences are trying to establish terrorist activities in Bangladesh; and, that is why we decided to sever the diplomatic relationship with Pakistan in the last year,' the vice-chancel-

lor said.

He urged people of all walks of life to stand against the extremism and terrorism in all educational institutions.

Arefin Siddique came up with the remarks at a human chain formed under the banner of Loving Bangladesh, Resist Extremism and Terror, on the university campus on Monday.

Several thousand participants, including teachers, students, officials, and employees of the university, took part in the programme.

The university's pro-

vice-chancellor (academic) Nasreen Ahmad, pro-vice-chancellor (administration) Akhtaruzzaman, senate and syndicate member Bahlul Majnun Chunnu, Dhaka University Teachers' Association acting president Emdadul Haque, and treasurer of the association Shibli Rubayat Ul Islam, among others, spoke at the programme.

While addressing the programme, Pro-VC Professor Nasrin Ahmed said, 'We have to be more alert if we see any abnormality in our children's behaviour and have to take proper initia-

tives to stop them.'

Pro-VC (administration) Professor Akhtaruzzaman said, 'Bangladesh is the land of cultural harmony and here we will not allow any kind of sectarian violence.'

The Bangladesh Engineering University of Technology also formed a human chain in front of the university's Shaheed Minar on the campus in the afternoon, to create awareness against extremism and terrorism.

Teachers, students and officials of the institution participated in the programme.