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Dhaka Univ recalls 'black day'

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Dhaka University authorities organise a discussion at TSC auditorium marking Black Day on Monday.-- Ali Hossain Mintu

Dhaka University teachers and students on Monday recalled the incidents of attacks and arrests of university students and teachers by the law enforcing agencies on August 20-23, 2007.

At a discussion and in a rally the participants reiterated their demand to take the people responsible for the attacks to justice.

The discussion was held in the TSC auditorium in the morning with vice-chancellor Akhtaruzzaman in the chair.

Praising the then activities of DU teachers and students, Akhtaruzzaman said Dhaka University had played a leading role to come out of political unrests during the military-backed interim government.

He also demanded exemplary punishment of the people who were involved in this incident.

Among others DU pro-vice-chancellor Muhammad Samad, treasurer Kamal Uddin Ahmed, Teachers' Association president ASM Maksud Kamal, and general secretary Shibli Rubayat Ul Islam, were present.

Earlier, a protest rally was also held at Aparajeya Bangla premises of the university marking the day.

This year the university observed the day on September 3 as university was on holiday for Eid-ul-Azha during August 23.

On August 20, 2007, army personnel beat three DU students and insulted a teacher on the DU gymnasium playground during a football match.

The incident sparked clashes between police and students, spreading from DU to all other educational institutions in the country.

Two DU professors Anwar Hossain and Harun-or-Rashid were arrested on August 23, 2007.

Later, then DUTA president Sadrul Amin and Neem Chandra Bhowmick and a number of students were also arrested following the incident.

The unrest then led to the arrest of several DU and RU teachers and students on charges of breaking the emergency power rules.



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