

DU journalism students protest at attacks on journalist

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Former and current students of the mass communication and journalism department of the University of Dhaka on Monday held a protest rally at the university's Anti-terrorism Raju Memorial Sculpture, protesting at the attack on the Prothom Alo reporter Asif Himadri.

Dhaka University's teachers and students participated in the rally, demanding an end to the harassment and torture on journalists.



The students also protested with black tape over mouths.

They carried placards with slogans such as 'Independent Bangladesh means independent journalism', 'Justice for Sagar-Runi', and 'Journalism is not a crime'.

Students demanded a thorough investigation and justice for all attacks on journalists, including Asif Himadri.

Associate professor of the department, Md Saiful Alam Chowdhury, said that journalists were not getting justice for the harassment they used to face.

'Journalists are being victimised while collecting information. Although in some cases are filed, investigations are not conducted,' he said.

He further stated that even if investigations were conducted, trials did not take place. 'And even if there are court orders, the accused ultimately escape punishment,' he mentioned.

The Prothom Alo's Dhaka University correspondent, Asif Himadri, was attacked by Ansar members on Monday night while performing his professional duties in front of the secretariat.

Despite identifying himself as a journalist, he was attacked by the Ansar members. He was later taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, but due to a delay in receiving treatment there, he was transferred to a private hospital in the capital.

After doctors declared him out of danger, he went to the house of an acquaintance.

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