

Suhrawardy College students announce closure after attack



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Students of Government Shaheed Suhrawardy College in Old Dhaka yesterday announced an indefinite closure of the institution, demanding the immediate identification and exemplary punishment of those involved in an attack on the college.

They also threatened to disaffiliate Dr Mahbubur Rahman Mollah College if their demands were not met.



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Anti-Discrimination Student Movement leaders of Suhrawardy College made the announcement at a press conference held on the college premises.

Speaking on behalf of the students, Likhon Islam claimed Suhrawardy College suffered damage worth approximately Tk 10 crore in the attack.

"Dr Mahbubur Rahman Mollah College and other involved colleges must bear the responsibility for this compensation."

Likhon also said a peaceful settlement of the issue can be reached if representatives of students and teachers from Mollah College and other institutions apologise to Suhrawardy College students and teachers on the campus.

Mehedi Hasan, a student of Kabi Nazrul College, stated that the organisers of the protests against the Old Dhaka institutions must be investigated and brought to justice.

They called a protest march from 10:00am today to condemn the attack, vandalism, and looting at Suhrawardy College.

Violence engulfed parts of Old Dhaka yesterday as students from over a dozen colleges attacked Suhrawardy College in what they said was a retaliatory move.

They vandalised at least six vehicles at Suhrawardy College and tried to attack Kabi Nazrul Government College but failed to enter the campus.

At least 30 people were injured amid a chase and counter-chase between two groups hurling brick chunks at each other.

The protesters also attacked Dhaka National Medical College Hospital, where Mollah College student Avijit died on November 18 due to alleged negligence. The demonstrators vandalised the gate and glasses of the hospital.

The students were protesting against an alleged attack on their peers from Dr Mahbubur Rahman Mollah College by students of Suhrawardy and Kabi Nazrul colleges during a demonstration on November 21 over Avijit's death.