

UGC for upholding July uprising spirit

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Chairman of the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh Professor SMA Faiz, among others, attends a workshop titled Social and Emotional Wellbeing of University Students at the UGC in Dhaka on Wednesday. | Press release

Chairman of the University Grants Commission of Bangladesh Professor SMA Faiz at a workshop at the UGC in Dhaka on Wednesday urged students who had taken part in the July mass uprising to uphold the spirit of the uprising.

He made the remarks while addressing the workshop titled Social and Emotional Wellbeing of University Students, which was jointly organised by UGC and UNESCO at the UGC auditorium, said a press release.

Mentioning that the nation holds high expectations from the July fighters, who have played a key role in restoring democracy, Professor SMA Faiz said, 'The world admires your courage and the nation values your contribution.'

He also urged the participants of the July uprising to remain united and cautious so that no misunderstanding or controversy arose regarding their role in the democratic struggle.

Chaired by UGC's international collaboration division director, current charge, Jesmin Pervin, UGC members Professor Mohammad Tanzimuddin Khan, Professor Mohammad Anwar Hossain, Professor Masuma Habib and Professor Mohammad Ayub Islam also spoke as special guests at the workshop.

Highlighting the importance of mental health, Professor SMA Faiz said that ensuring students' social and emotional wellbeing was essential to help them overcome the trauma caused by the July uprising.

He also announced that UGC would soon hold a national seminar to commemorate the July uprising.

Students from 22 public and private universities, including July uprising participants Umama Fatema, Rifat Howlader, Sanjida Tonni, Robius Sani and Mahfuza Khatun attended the workshop.

The press release mentioned that under the UNESCO-supported project on Social and Emotional Wellbeing, UGC will provide social and mental health services to 10,000 students from 22 universities starting this November.