

Sequel to arrests of student leaders **DU club ransacked, VC, provost offices attacked**

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The Dhaka University Provost Committee in an emergency meeting yesterday reiterated its call to the concerned authorities to take stern action against the trouble makers for maintaining law and order on the Campus.

Presided over by the Convener of the Committee Prof Abul Kalam, the meeting reviewed the incidents that took place following the police raid on the Zahurul Huq Hall.

According to a press release, the meeting viewed with the deep concern the alleged terrorist activities by some members of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (A-A) after the arrest of four BCL members.

The press release said some members of BCL went on rampage and attacked the residence of the hall provost. They demanded resignation of the Provost and asked him to leave the residence and disconnected his telephone line.

They also ransacked the University Club and attacked the residence of the Vice-Chancellor and threatened to halt the administrative function of the University.

The meeting condemned these activities.

The meeting said that the provost committee, teachers association and the university administration asserted publicly

that the members of law enforcing agencies could raid the university campus without prior permission from the university authorities.

In a resolution the meeting requested the law-enforcing agencies to arrange police guard to ensure safety of the Provost of Zahurul Huq Hall.

A group of angry youths from Sgt. Zahurul Haque Hall went on rampage on the Dhaka University campus following the arrest of four activists of Awami League backed Chhatra League (A-A) yesterday morning.

Police arrested four chhatra league activists while raiding the

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halls in the small hours on the day. police recovered one round bullet and three bullet charger from Zahurul Haque Hall, a stronghold of Chhatra League (A-A). Police took four Chhatra League activists into custody of whom two are out siders. Of the arrested youths Manzurul Alam Tokan is the Vice-President of Zahurul Haque Hall Students Union.

When police were coming out from the halls the Chhatra League brought out a procession and started opening gun shots. Police retaliated with firing blank shots and resorting to tear gas shellings. The Chhatra League activists set a truck near palassey crossing on fire and damaged several other vehicles. The melee continued for about half an hour.

Later at a press conference the Hall students union demanded unconditional release of Tokan and others arrested. The press conference held at the hall was addressed by acting General Secretary of the hall union Mizanur Rahman Arzu. He denied any firing from their side and held Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal responsible for this.

Police later raided the S.M. Hall, but did not recover any arms or arrest any one