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Raju's death anniversary observed Call to declare Mar 13 as DU Anti-terrorism Day

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Student leaders yesterday demanded that DU authorities announce March 13 as the Dhaka University Anti-terrorism Day.

This was voiced at a rally held by different left leaning student organisations on the DU campus to observe the seventh death anniversary of Shaheed Moin Hossain Raju. The leaders also demanded arrest and trial of the killers of Shaheed Raju.

Raju, a central executive committee leader of Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) died in 1992 in cross-firing between Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), when he was leading an anti-terrorism procession.

He was a student of the Soil Science department at DU.

To mark the day, Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO), a platform of some left leaning student organisations, Raju Sangsad, Communist Party of Bangladesh (CPB), BCU central committee, DU unit, Dhaka City unit, BUET unit and different DU hall units of the BCU placed floral wreaths at the Raju Memorial on the DU Teachers and Students Centre (TSC) road island in the morning.

The BCU also brought out a silent procession in the morning and paraded on the DU campus. Later, they held a rally in front of the DUCSU building at noon.

Presided over by Hasan Hafizur Rahman Sohel, the rally was addressed, among others, by Monjur-e-Khoda Torik, Dipanker Saha Dipu of Bangladesh Chhatra Maitry, Sahidul Islam Ripon of Raju Sangsad, Hafiz Adnan Riaz and Nadira Sultana Nodi.

BCU also began a two-day long photo exhibition at the DUCSU premises in memory of Raju.

Meanwhile, a discussion meeting was held at the TSC seminar room in the afternoon to commemorate the death of Raju. Discussants here alleged that the DU probe committee formed to investigate the killing of Raju has not submitted its report yet even seven years after Raju's death and the killers are yet to be punished.

Among others, Dr Ferdous Hossain, General Secretary of Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA), Dr Sirajul Haq, Kamal Pasha Chowdhury, Monir Hossain Rana, elder brother of Raju and Hasan Hafizur Rahman Sohel addressed the meeting.