

Wide condemnation of terrorism in JU

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Different political parties, teachers' organisations and student bodies issued statements on Friday condemning the attack on teachers and ransacking of VC's office, faculty offices, teachers room and teachers' club by activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at Jahangirnagar University on Thursday.

The Executive Committee of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) in an emergency meeting on Friday afternoon condemned the attack on the teachers of Jahangirnagar University and destruction of university assets.

Presided over by the Association President, Professor K M Mohsin, the meeting in a resolution demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of those responsible for

the incident.

The meeting in separate resolution called an emergency meeting of the Association on Saturday at 5.30 p.m. to review the situation for further steps.

Bangladesh College-University Teachers' Association (BCUTA) Acting President Dr. Ranglal Sen and General Secretary Prof. Shafiul Alam in a joint statement expressed resentment over the attack on teachers and said that this violence under the patronisation of the JUCSU leaders had created a black chapter. Terming the violent incident of Jahangirnagar University as pre-planned conspiracy, BCUTA leaders said that such incident proved the ineffectiveness of the University Ordinance.

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They demanded arrest and punishment of those responsible for the incident in Jahangirnagar University under Anti-terrorism Act.

General Secretary of Bangladesh Awami League Zillur Rahman on Friday condemned the attack on the teachers and ransacking of different offices of Jahangirnagar University by "armed hooligans of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, the student front of the government".

In a statement, he said that the incident of JU proved the existence of deteriorating law and order situation in the country and added that Chhatra Dal workers went on rampage before the presence of the police there.

Mr. Rahman demanded immediate arrest of those involved in the incident and their exemplary punishment. He called for reopening of the University immediately and expressed his sympathy to the injured teachers.

Jatiya Party Presidium in its adjourned meeting on Friday strongly condemned the armed terrorism in Jahangirnagar University by the activists of BNP government's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD). The meeting pointed out that only government-backed armed activists could create such terror on the campus. It demanded immediate arrest of the armed JCD activists on the campus and restoration of academic atmosphere.

Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal leaders Kazi Aref Ahmed and Hasanul Huq Inu in a statement condemned the attack on the teachers and ransacking of different department offices by a group of students and demanded punishment of the miscreants responsible for the incident through a proper investigation.

Criticising the silent role of the law enforcing agencies during the incident they said that the violence was occurred at a time when all quarters including teachers, guardians and students were engaged in their ceaseless efforts to bring back academic atmosphere in the educational arena through eliminating terrorism.

They urged the authorities to reopen the University immediately through taking security measure.

Ulama Committee Bangladesh (UCB) in a meeting on Friday condemned the violent activities of Jahangirnagar University and said that the attack on teachers and ransacking of the V-C's office proved the Government's failure to curb terrorism.

Chaired by UCB Chairman Mufti Fazlul Haq Aminee, the meeting was addressed, among others, by Maulana Shamsul Alam, Maulana Abdur Rab and Maulana Jasimuddin.

They demanded punishment of the terrorists and urged the University authorities to reopen the University immediately.

Progressive Nationalist Party (PNP) Chairman Sheikh Sawkat Hossain Nilu and Secretary General A.T.M. Golam Mowla Chowdhury condemned the attack on Jahangirnagar University teachers and V-C's office and demanded punishment to those responsible for the incident.

Besides, Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) President Moinuddin Hasan Chowdhury and General Secretary Iqbalur Rahim, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front President Belal Chowdhury and General Secretary

Rajekuzzaman Ratan, Chhatra League (JSD-Inu) President Ruhul Kuddus Babu and Abdullahil Quayaum, Bangladesh Chhatra Federation president Ahad Ahmed and General Secretary Udai Pal, Chhatra League (BSD-Mahbub) President Abul Kalam Azad Babul and

General Secretary Md. Shahidullah, and Biplabi Chhatra Mancha convener K.M. Bakiullah Shamim and Joint Convener Golam Mustafa Pintu in separate statements strongly protested the attack on teachers and the V-C's office by the terrorists of JCD at Jahangirnagar University and blamed the Government for what they said for its failure to check terrorism in the educational arena.

The student leaders in their statements expressed resentment over the closure of the University for an indefinite period by the authorities and demanded immediate reopening of the classes.

They also demanded immediate arrest and punishment of those JCD members responsible for the attack on the teachers and urged the student community to come forward to resist the terrorist elements of the ruling BNP.