

University teachers observe token hunger strike

By Our DU Correspondent

University Teachers Monday observed a seven-hour long token hunger strike demanding arrest and punitive measures against the persons responsible for violent activities at two universities of the country and withdrawal of "false cases" filed against ten teachers of Jagirnagar University.

Meanwhile, an eleven-member teachers' delegation submitted a memorandum to PM's office in favour of their demands.

The teachers' delegation led by Prof. Mustahidur Rahman, President of the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA) handed over the memorandum to secretary to the Prime Minister Dr. Kamal Siddiqi.

In the memorandum the FBUTA urged the head of the government to take effective

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measures for restoration of congenial atmosphere by eradicating campus terrorism.

A total of 80 teachers from seven universities of the country participated in the token hunger strike, held at Dhaka University Club.

A number of political leaders including Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Parliament Abdus Samad Azad MP, Awami League General Secretary Zillur Rahman, Amir Hossain Amu, Gano Forum leaders Saifuddin Ahmed Manik, A M A Muhi, Nurjahan Morshed, Five Party leaders Rashed Khan Menon, Nirmol Sen, Hassanul Huq Inu and CPB leader Mujahedul Islam Selim went to see the fasting teachers and expressed their solidarity with the programme of FBUTA.

Student leaders from different organisations including Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU), Jatiya Chhatra League (JCL), Ganotantrik Chhara League (GEL), Bangladeshi Chhatra Samity (BCS), and Chhatra Oikkya Forum (COF) also expressed their solidarity with the FBUTA.

The FBUTA has called for a two-day general strike at all universities of the country on September 22 and 23 next.

Teachers will bring out a silent procession and will hold a rally at Dhaka University Teacher Student Centre (TSC) on September 23 next.