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VC calls for peace on campus DU classes resume

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The classes in the University of Dhaka resumed on Sunday after 73 days of closure.

Classes were held peacefully and the attendance of the students was satisfactory. Police forces were, however, kept to guard the residential halls.

A violent procession and slogans by the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, however, disrupted the scheduled mourning rally and silent procession of the Dhaka University Educational Environment Council.

The mourning rally and silent procession was arranged by the Dhaka University Educational Environment Council in memory of Halim, Munna and Rahim who were the victims in the mid-July violent clash in the university. The rally was attended by the teachers, students and employees of the university.

As the Vice-Chancellor took the mike, the Chhatra Dal supporters led by its General Secretary Amanullah Aman began to shout demanding release of Sanaul Haq Niru and withdrawal of expulsion order of the Dhaka University Syndicate. The Vice-Chancellor could speak hardly two minutes. Chhatra Dal members

took possessions of the Aparajeya Bangla from where the Vice-Chancellor was addressing the rally. Later, a big silent procession comprising teachers, students and general employees paraded the campus.

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdul Mannan, in his brief speech, made a clarion-call to the students to abide by the rules and regulations of the university. He said that Dhaka University was a property of the nation and it had a historic tradition. He further said that the authorities had cordial intention to keep the university open.

Prof. Mannan said all concerned have come to a united decision to save the university from disaster. 'We don't want to punish any student, but there should be rules of law in the university' the Vice-Chancellor stated.

Prof. Mannan said that the process of resisting terrorism in the campus would be continued. He called upon all to identify the armed hoodligans. He urged the students to tolerate views. The Vice-Chancellor stated that Bangladesh would be saved if Dhaka University was saved.

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Meanwhile, the Dhaka University Educational Environment Council in an emergency meeting after the silent procession on Sunday strongly condemned the violent activities by some youths during the mourning rally. The meeting cautioned that terrorist activities would be resisted at any cost.

Sangrami Chhatra Jote in a meeting on Sunday also reviewed the situation. It is learnt that a resolution was taken in the meeting condemning the misbehaviour of some hoodlums during the mourning rally and silent procession but that was not passed. In a statement to the Press the SCJ called upon all to forge a unity to keep democratic norms in the university.

Former DUCSU VP Mr. Akhteruzzaman along with Messrs Shaha-buddin and Saidul Islam, President and General Secretary of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-S) in a joint statement congratulated the students, teachers and employees of Dhaka University for their peaceful participation in the mourning rally and silent procession of the Dhaka University Educational Environment Council on Sunday.