

15 student bodies stage joint protest

# DU seeks govt help to nab Arif's killers

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The Dhaka University authorities have requested the government to immediately identify the killers of Finance Department student Arif Ahmed and give exemplary punishment to them.

The request was made yesterday from a joint meeting of provosts and house tutors of all the halls, and the proctor with Vice-chancellor Prof Abdul Mannan in the chair.

The meeting reviewed the situation prevailing on the university campus and expressed concern over the recent terrorist activities in the campus by, what it said, the outsiders and armsholders.

In order to restore a congenial academic atmosphere in the campus the meeting urged the law enforcing agencies for taking necessary steps. It also urged the law enforcing agencies to take legal action against the

persons against whom cases were filed with the police in connection with the stabbing of a number of students in the recent days.

The meeting also asked all students of the university to carry their identity cards.

## STUDENTS PROTEST

Meanwhile, fifteen student organisations jointly held a rally in front of the National Press Club yesterday morning protesting killing of Arif Ahmed and demanding arrest and exemplary punishment of the killers.

Arif, a final year student of the Finance Department of Dhaka University, was shot dead in the Salimullah Hall premises on Wednesday night.

The rally was addressed by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra-Dal President Asaduzzaman Ripon, Chhatra League (N-S) president

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Nazmul Haq Prodhan and Chhatra Federation president Faizul Hakim. The speaker alleged that the Chhatra League (H-A) armed hoodlums, patronised by the government, attacked a general students rally at the S.M. Hall killing Arif Ahmed.

Immediately after the killing of Arif, a rumour about the names of the killers and their patron was spread among the students of the university, they said adding that it was only Chhatra League (H-A) which did not any interest in identifying the killers.

Criticising the DU authorities for suspending classes and examinations for six days following the gruesome murder, the speakers alleged, it was done with the motive to cover up the misdeeds of Chhatra League (H-A) terrorists. The student leaders also demanded of the DU authorities to give an explanation of the recent violent activities in the campus and steps taken by them in this regard.

They called upon all student organisations to sit together in order to prepare a list of terrorists active on the university campus.

Meanwhile, Chhatra League (N-S) condemned Chhatra League (H-A) for accusing it of murdering Arif. It also called upon Chhatra League (H-A) to refrain from, what it said, issuing motivated statements.

In a statement Chhatra League (N-S) termed the claim as 'false', 'baseless' and urged Chhatra League (H-A) for taking organising steps against its workers, who, it alleged, were responsible for the killing of Arif.

Earlier, a mourning procession was brought out from the Dhaka University campus. Jatiya Chhatra League held a rally and brought out a procession in the campus protesting the killing of Arif. Held in front of Madhu's canteen in the morning, the rally was addressed by JCL president Jahangir Sattar Tinku and joint secretary Ohiduzzaman Chand.

The speakers held responsible both Chhatra League (N-S) and Chhatra League (H-A) for the killing as Arif was killed following the armed clash between the two organisations.

Chhatra Oikya Samity also held similar programme in protest against the murder of Arif.

Besides, Chhatra Maitree, Biplobi Chhatra Parishad, Chhatra Parishad and Jatiya Chhatra Front also condemned the killing and demanded punishment of the killers.

A meeting of the Finance Department Academic Committee of the university yesterday expressed deep shock at the killing of Arif. After the meeting teachers of the department called on the vice-chancellor and demanded investigation into the murder and trial of the killers.

Meanwhile Naimul Islam Jinnah, a member of DUCSU, in a statement denied the allegation brought against him by Chhatra League (H-A) that he led the assailants who killed Arif. He termed the allegation as a ploy to save the Chhatra League (H-A) activists responsible for killing Arif.

The qulkwani of Arif will be held at his village home at Daudkandhi under Comilla district today.