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No rigging in DUCSU polls, says VC

Staff Reporter

Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Abdul Mannan has expressed his deep regret and concern at the 'unexpected and undesired terrorism' unleashed on the campus on Thursday.

In a statement yesterday Prof Mannan condemned the attack on the procession of female students brought out on the campus after the announcement of election results on that day.

He described the incident as an attempt to tarnish the image of the university created following the peaceful elections on February 8. He hoped that those concerned would refrain from such undesired activities in future.

The VC said that the Syndicate had constituted a high power investigation committee and asked it to submit its report immediately. Exemplary

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DU situation tense: One stabbed

Staff Reporter

Bidhan Goswami, a third year student of the English department of Dhaka University, was stabbed at Jagannath Hall yesterday as fighting broke out among supporters of the Chhatra League (S-R) over the just concluded student union polls.

Witnesses said Bidhan was stabbed as the workers of Chhatra League (S-R) which dominates the Central Students Action Committee, the winner of DUCSU polls, attacked each other yesterday morning.

The fighting followed heated arguments between two sections of the Chhatra League supporters on the nomination of candidates for the hall students

union. Bidhan's supporters favoured a particular panel. The panel that was finally nominated by the 'high command' of the CSAC caused resentment among the Chhatra League supporters, his friends said.

Bidhan was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with injuries in his abdomen. He was admitted to the hospital and forwarded to intensive care unit in a critical condition, hospital sources said.

Situation was still tense in the Dhaka University campus and more students left their halls fearing further violence

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No rigging

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punishment would be given to those responsible for the incident, he said.

The situation on the campus was now under full control of the authorities, he said.

Prof. Mannan denied allegations of irregularities in DUCSU and hall unions elections and described those as attempts to destroy the image of neutrality of the teachers in eyes of the society.

RETURNING OFFICER

Mr Ahsanul Haq, chief returning officer of Dhaka University Central Students Union election, in a statement yesterday described the allegations raised by a student organization about election irregularity as as totally baseless, unfounded and misleading.

He maintained that casting and counting of votes and announcement of election results were made under the direct supervision of the teachers and all the prescribed rules of the constitution were duly observed.

DUTA

Dhaka University Teachers Association at a meeting yesterday condemned the armed attack on the victory procession of the female students, indiscriminate firing at Mohsin Hall and attack on the office of the provost of Rokeya Hall on Thursday.

The meeting resented the mysterious silence of police during the attack on peaceful procession of the female students.

The association congratulated the students, teachers and employees of the university for their cooperation in holding a peaceful election. It rejected the allegation by section of students about irregularity in election and described the allegations as an aspersion on the teachers of the university.

It called upon all concerned to resist terrorism on the campus and help restore normalcy.

Girl students

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the JCD members were threatening the CSAC members at Rokeya Hall and they had created a reign of terror there.

They demanded expulsion of 12 JCD members of Rokeya and Shamsunnahar Halls for their alleged involvement in ransacking the offices of the provosts of two halls.

Mohsin Hall provost blames DU VC

DU Correspondent

Dr SMA Fayez, provost of Mohsin Hall of Dhaka University, has accused the vice-chancellor of throwing him into a dangerous situation during Thursday's violence on the campus.

Addressing a press conference at his office yesterday, Dr Fayez described how he along with his colleagues managed to escape indiscriminate firing by armed youngmen at Mohsin Hall.

He said that the Vice-Chancellor ordered him to go to the hall during the gunbattle in order to bring the situation under control and assured him of all cooperation from the police. But when he was in danger, the VC did not take step to rescue him, he alleged.

The provost said the gunmen shot at him from outside his office ransacked some rooms of the hall and set on fire the articles in the rooms. At this stage he and his colleagues managed to flee away.

The press conference was also attended by the house tutors of the halls.

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yesterday.

Police force was partially withdrawn from the campus but the Arts Building area was heavily guarded. Police also stayed at different entry points of the campus and motor vehicles were not allowed to enter the campus.

Panic-stricken students who took shelter in different halls leaving Mohsin, Surja Sen, Jasimuddin, Ziaur Rahman and Mujibur Rahman halls following clashes on Thursday did not return till yesterday.

Meanwhile, the 'Namaz-e-Janaza' of Kafiluddin Kanak, who was killed in Thursday's violence in the campus was held at the Central Mosque of the university after 'Jumaa' prayer yesterday.

The Janaza was attended by, among othes, Vice-Chancellor

Prof Abdul Mannan, university teachers, political leaders Rashed Khan Menon of Workers Party, Amir Hossain Amu of Awami League, AFM Mahbulul Haq of BSD, Sharif Nurul Ambia of JSD (Inu), newly elected DUCSU VP Sultan Mohammad Mansur Ahmed and General Secretary Mushtaq Hosain.

The body of the victim was sent to his villege home at Noakhali after post mortem in the Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Girl students demand exemplary punishment

DU Correspondent

Rokeya Hall and Shamsunnahar Hall Students Union have demanded exemplary punishment and expulsion from the university of those responsible for Thursday's attack on a women students procession on the Dhaka University campus.

Addressing a press conference at the Jatiya Press Club yesterday afternoon, the newly elected Vice President of Rokeya Hall Students Union Gulshan Mahmud and General Secretary Nazma Akhter and Vice President of Shamsunnahar Hall Students Union Manira Rahman Moni and General Secretary Sahid Yeasmin alleged that the member, of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) along with some expelled students of the university attacked their victory procession.

They further alleged that
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