

DU hall union leaders warned Police deployment on campus protested

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Different student organisations on Friday brought out processions and held rallies on the campus protesting the presence of police in front of residential halls on Dhaka University.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Chhatra League (H-A) and nine-party student alliance held separate rallies at the Madhu's canteen premises protesting the deployment of police on the campus. The student leaders termed the deployment of police as a gross violation of the university autonomy.

The JCD rally was addressed by its Vice-President Babul Chowdhury and Secretary Amanullah Aman, the Chhatra League (H-A) rally was addressed by its President Habibur Rahman Habid while the rally of nine student organisations was addressed by DUCSU General Secretary Mushtaq Hossain.

Addressing the gathering, the DUCSU General Secretary said they would not allow the hall union leaders to stay on the campus who met President Ershad at his Secretary on Thursday. Terming them as "new collaborators", Mushtaq Hossain said the Government was contemplating to float a new student organisation. He said when a peaceful situation was prevailing in the University and the student organisations were trying to forge a broad-based unity to

intensify the anti-Government movement, the Government took the move to destroy the unity and academic atmosphere on the campus.

Reiterating the firm determination of the students community, the DUCSU General Secretary said they would not allow the pro-Government students to enter the educational institutions. Cautioning the Dhaka University Syndicate and authorities, the DUCSU General Secretary said if their involvement is found with the proposed new student body or the Government, the students of Dhaka University would take actions against the Varsity authorities.

'Student Welfare Council'

Meanwhile, it is learnt from different sources that the hall union leaders who met President Ershad on Thursday would form a new student body which may be styled as "Students Welfare Council." They are likely to show their first display in Dhaka University soon.

It may be mentioned here that the present Government dissolved its student organisation in 1986 when its members were ousted from Dhaka University on February 4 of the same year by the anti-Government student organisations. However, it is learnt

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that the new student organisation would not be affiliated with ruling Jaiya Party.

Hall union leaders' denial

Vice-Presidents and General Secretaries of Students Union of thirteen residential halls of Dhaka University in a signed statement denied that they had ever met President Ershad on Thursday.

They expressed their surprise over the news circulated by a government news agency and condemned the Government for making such a malicious propaganda, the statement added.

Nine student organisations led by Mustaq Hossain, General Secretary of Dhaka University Central Students Union on Friday brought out a procession on the campus in protest against meeting of some so-called student leaders with the President.

Addressing the students Mustaq Hossain warned the students against joining hands with President Ershad and joining the move to form a government backed student front.

Bangladesh Chhatra Moitri and Chhatra Biplobi Mancha on Friday separately condemned the move of the Government to launch its student front under the name of Chhatra Kalayan Parishad. The leaders of the student organisations alleged that the launching of the new student front backed by the Government was aimed at rehabilitating the musclemen and vitiating the educational environment on the campus.