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Tension grips DU campus

Staff Reporter

Tension prevailed in the Dhaka University campus throughout the whole day yesterday following a news that some office-bearers of the residential halls of the university met President Ershad on Thursday.

Various student organisations at a number of rallies described it as a "fresh move by the Government" to float its party student wing in the campus and called upon all to remain alert against the "conspiracy".

The leaders and workers of the organisations were found discussing the issue in the DUCSU building Madhu's canteen and the residential halls.

The student leaders said they were trying to identify those who had met the President and sounded a note of warning that stern action would be taken against them.

The alliance of nine student organisations held a rally in front of Madhu's canteen in the morning. Addressing it DUCSU General Secretary and Chhatra League (N-S) leader

Mushtaq Hossain called upon the DU authorities not to maintain any link with the 'government blue-print' if they had any. He also demanded withdrawal of police from the campus,

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) General Secretary Amanullah Aman while addressing a separate rally

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Contd from page 1 said any attempt by the Government to float a student organisation in the campus would be resisted at any cost. The general students would drive away the activists of the proposed student front of the government party as they did before. JCD vice-President Babul Chowdhury also addressed the rally.

A Chhatra League (H-A) rally addressed by the president

Habibur Rahman alleged that after dissolution of the Central Students Action Committee (CSAC) a favourable situation had been created for the Government to its student front.

Jatiya Chhatra League also held a rally in the campus. It was addressed by Kamal Hossain, general secretary of the organisation.

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Meanwhile all the vice presidents and general secretaries of 13 residential halls except vice-president of Mohsin Hall and general secretary of F Rahman Hall in a joint statement expressed their surprise at the news that they had met the president.

Protesting and condemning the news they said none of them had met President Ershad.

They said since its capturing power the Government was conspiring to tarnish the image of the student community. We would carry forward the student movement for education, democracy and basic needs of the people, they said.

The hall union leaders have called a joint press conference at the DUCSU Bhaban today at 11 am.