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DU students' assault Abdul Latif at Bangla Academy

Staff Reporter

A group of agitated students of Dhaka University yesterday evening assaulted the noted singer, Mr Abdul Latif after he rendered a song that they alleged, tarnished the image of the University.

Witnesses said, the angry students got on the dais, erected in the academy premises for its Ekushey programmes, immediately after Mr Latif had sung the song composed by himself, and assaulted him. They also threw off the musical instruments from the dais and captured the microphone.

The protesters then ran towards the office of the Director General of Bangla Academy and raised slogans demanding his resignation and asking the academy authorities for seeking apology in public.

The situation calmed down when the DUCSU vice president and its cultural affairs secretary and Jahangirnagar

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Abdul Latif

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University teacher Dr Hasanuzzaman protested against the theme of the song.

Following the incident, police reached the spot. The stalls at the book fair were shut down.

Later the protesters brought out a procession followed by a rally near the Teacher Student Centre of the university. Addressing the rally, the speakers cautioned that the book fair would not be allowed to run if the academy authorities did not apologise to the DU authorities.