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DU Alumni Assoc team meets President

Political leaders should act in accordance with desire of majority

President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed yesterday said the guardians, teachers and students should ventilate their concern about the terrorist activities in the name of student politics, reports UNB.

The political leaders should also think and act in accordance with the desire of the majority people who want a violence-free campus, he said.

The President was talking to a 13-member delegation of Dhaka University Alumni Association that called on him at Bangabhaban. Association president Prof Muzaffar Ahmed led the delegation.

Appreciating the concern of the President about the deteriorating academic atmosphere in

the country, the delegation members said that the guardians, teachers, students and the people in general welcomed the presidential move for ensuring congenial and peaceful atmosphere in the educational institutions.

They said that the issue-based and idealistic student politics influenced the political leaders in the past in materialising demand of the people. But, they said, the situation has been reversed and the students are now being used by the political parties for their political interest.

The members observed that the elections of the central and hall unions should be regular and provision for contesting those elections should be made

compulsory, for the time being, only for the meritorious students.

They opined that coordinated efforts should be made to mobilise public opinion in favour of a peaceful academic atmosphere with a view to enabling the students to continue their studies unhindered.

Speaking of the long history of the association, they said they will be obliged if the President could extend his help and cooperation in constructing a building for the association on the land already provided to them by the Dhaka University authority.

President Shahabuddin appreciated their concern about the present state of student politics.