

AAMS-free DU campus demanded

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Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) yesterday urged the authorities to free the campus from arms, ensure co-existence of all student organisations and bring back a congenial atmosphere.

At a rally at the Central Shaheed Minar in the city leaders of the association also blamed the university authorities of patting a special student body and said they have turned a blind eye to the activities.

Presided over by Duta President of Sharif Ullah Bhuiyan, former DU Vice-chancellor Prof AK Azim Chowdhury, former Duta President of AAMS Arefin Siddique, Duta General Secretary Prof Iqbal Hammad Akhtaruzzaman, Prof Sheikh Abdus Salam, Prof Anwar Hossain, Prof Aminur Rashid, Prof Farina Rahman, Prof Sadeel Hossain, Dr Rahmatullah and several other teachers were present at the rally.

While addressing the rally Prof Akhtaruzzaman said armed cadres were roaming on the campus, staged showdowns with motorbike, throwing crude bombs and firing shots. All these incidents are posing a threat to the teachers and students' lives and hampering the normal atmosphere of the university.

"But university authorities have failed to put an end to all these, they have been working from a partial point of view."

He urged the authorities to call a Paribesh Parishad's meeting immediately to discuss how to ensure peaceful co-existence of all student bodies on the campus.

Paribesh Parishad, an almost extinct body, formed after Dhaka University Central Students' Union (DCSU) was dissolved, comprises the student bodies active on the campus.