Police raid on DU halls condemned

By A Staff Correspondent

Different political parties and student organisations issued statements condemning the police raid on Dhaka University halls on Wednesday and demanding immediate release of all students. They also demanded restoration of university autonomy.

The Five-party Alliance said that the continued police actions on the university campus unmasked the Government design to implement its attempt to ban student politics. The alliance demanded withdrawal of police from the campus, compensation to affected students and release of arrested students.

The Central Students Action Committee (CSAC) warned the Government about the consequence of trampling the university autonomy by repeated police action in the campus. It demanded release of all arrested students.

Bangladesh Muslim League (Zamir Ali), BAKSAL, Chhatra League, Biplabi Chhatra Maitri and Communist League of Bangladesh also issued statements condemning the police action on the university campus.

The Awami League and the Jamaat-i-Islami also condemned the action taken by the police.

Uneasy calm on DU campus

By Our Varsity Correspondent

An uneasy calm is prevailing on the Dhaka University campus after the tragic incident on Monday. The situation in the university was apparently normal on Thursday. But the police was vigilant on the campus.

No classes and examinations were held on the day. The administrative building and the library were opened for sometime.

Police arrested two more leaders of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal in the small hours of Thursday. They are Messrs Mosharraf Hossain and Abul Khair.

Meanwhile, students of Dhaka University gave a call to observe complete strike in all educational institutions of the Dhaka city on Saturday and country-wide on Sunday.

This was announced in a meeting of the students held at the Battala on Thursday. It was attended by the leaders and workers of the both factions of the Central Students Action Committee (CSAC) and Sangrami Chhatra Jote. The meeting was addressed by former DUCSU-VP Mr. Akhtaruzzaman.

Resenting the killing of JCD leader Bablu and police action upon the teachers, students and journalists

Mr. Akhtar said violation of university autonomy would not be allowed further. He cautioned that the students would take the decision if the varsity authority failed to bring back the congenial atmosphere. Mr. Akhtar demanded immediate release of the arrested students and due compensation for the students affected following the police raid in the halls.

Police force to be lifted from DU

The Government has appreciated the initiatives and efforts of the teachers and the Syndicate of Dhaka University for restoring normalcy on the campus and prevailing upon the students to refrain from indulging in acts of indiscipline in future, an Education Ministry Press release said, reports BSS.

The Press release said, "Police force will be withdrawn and the release of the arrested students, may be secured with due process of law."

The Press release said. A delegation of the teachers of Dhaka University led by Vice-Chancellor Prof.

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Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal brought out a protest procession on Thursday and held a rally in front of the National Press Club on Thursday.

It was addressed by Mr. Asaduzzaman Ripon and Amanullah, President and Joint Secretary of the JCD. They said, the Government was responsible for ensuing the untoward situation on the campus. The leaders demanded the resignation of the Home Minister and condemned intervention of the police on the campus.

JCD will hold a milad mahfil today (Friday) after the Jumma prayer to mark the death of Bablu. In a Press release, JCD urged all concerned and well-wishers to join the milad mahfil.

Police

M.A. Mannan had a meeting with Education Minister Mr. Mahbubur Rahman and discussed at length various aspect of the situation now obtaining in the Dhaka University campus.

The meeting then discussed about posting of police force inside Dhaka Unversity campus and arrest of students in connection with disturbance during last two days.

The Education Minister asserted that the members of the law enforcine agency, were posted for maintaining law and order, who will be withdrawn if their continued presence is considered no necessary.

The delegation was apprised by the Education Minister of the interest and anxiety of President Ershad and his government in maintaining proper academic atmosphere in all educational institutions including Dhaka University and their normal functioning in greater interest and welfare of the students community.

The Press release said. "The Education Minister and the delegation agreed that the unlawful activities, violence or acts of indiscipline by a section of students are unfortunate, undesirable and detrimental to academic interest of the student community as whole. Therefore, they agreed in the meeting that efforts shall be made not to allow the congenial atmosphere to be vitiated by outsiders. No Students and arms possessors inside the campus.

"The delegation requested the Education Minister to inspire the Government for withdrawal of police force from inside the campus as well as facilitate the release of the arrested students.

"The Education Minister, in consultation with the Home Minister assured the delegation that in response to the request made by the delegation and initiatives taken by the teachers and the students for maintaining peaceful and congenial atmosphere in the campus, police force will be withdrawn and the release of the arrested students may be secure with process of law," the Press release said. The Press release said: "Both the Education and Home Ministers on behalf of the Government appreciated the initiative and efforts of the teachers and the Syndicate of Dhaka University for restoring normalcy on the campus as well as prevailing upon the students to refrain from indulging in acts of indiscipline in future.

The delegation thanked the Government and the Minister...