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Repeated killings and acts of terrorism on the Dhaka University campus have created doubts over the efficacy of the university administration. Friday's double murder in a bloody clash on the campus has resulted in strong resentments of students against the varsity authorities.

A number of students, while talking to The Morning Sun correspondent said, "The government has remained silent about the armed terrorists but the university administration should not sit idle without taking any action against the criminals."

The university has certain proctorial rules and regulations to maintain discipline among the students. Applying these rules, the university could take disciplinary actions against the students who are identified as 'arms carriers'.

They said "Since the varsity authorities are helpless about the outsiders they can at least announce the names of known terrorists and expel the students who have been creating a reign of terror on the campus for a long time."

After the killing of three people in 1987, the Dhaka University authorities expelled 12 students and took disciplinary actions against some others for

their involvement in armed terrorism. The expelled students included 9 from the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and three from pro-JSD (Inu) Chhatra League. The actions were taken in the month of September the same year and after this, the campus remained calm for about one and a half year.

Even during the later part of 1988, when the situation again aggravated due to in fighting of a student organisation, the Dhaka University Syndicate called upon the chief of the concerned party to remove this armed hoodlums from the campus.

In the last 18 months, 13 people were killed on the Dhaka University campus in armed violence. After every incident, the university syndicate held meetings and condemned the violence. It also urged the government to arrest the criminals.

Why the varsity authorities are not taking any actions. Some senior teachers said, the answer is simple, just to keep liaison with the government'. They said, teachers are divided into three separate groups and the panel, which is now dominating the administration, has closed liaison with the government.

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being led by the present Vice-Chancellor, is not ready to go for a confrontation with the ruling party as a result of which one incident after another is taking place, on the campus and the administration maintaining safe distance from them.

They said "The university authorities, particularly the Vice-Chancellor, cannot evade their responsibilities. They should at least identify the students against whom here are specific charges of armed terrorism". Friday's murder, described as the bloodiest in recent memory was committed by two expelled students of Dhaka University. They were expelled in 1987 but they have been continuing their acts of terrorism on the campus at the head of two separate armed groups.