

DUTA condition for DU reopening Govt, parties must ensure violence-free campus

By DU Correspondent

Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) has demanded the full commitment of the government and the political parties to stop terrorism on campus before resumption of academic activities in the University.

The Association in an emergency meeting held Sunday at the University Club building stressed the need for an immediate effort by the government, political parties and student organisations for a political solution to the problems.

The meeting said that the cause and character of terrorism was political and that the political parties provided shelter to the armed hoodlums to establish their political supremacy on the campus.

The meeting also expressed its grief over the silence of the members of the law-enforcing agencies during the recent terrorist incidents on the DU campus.

The DUTA strongly condemned all terrorist acts that took place on the campus on July 30 and demanded identification of and punishment to the terrorists involved.

Meanwhile the students, who stayed back in the residential halls of Dhaka University defying the directives of the authorities demanded clear a statement by the authorities on the causes and sources of terrorism on the campus.

The students, in a press conference held Sunday afternoon at the Dhaka University Journalists Association (DUJA) office, said that the inaction of the police forces deployed at various points of the campus during the recent armed clashes had proved the lack of cordiality of the government and the Ministry of Home Affairs in this regard.

The press conference accused the BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the Awami League-backed Chhatra League (S-A) and the JSD (Inu) student front Chhatra League (N-S) of unleashing terrorism on the Dhaka University campus and said that the political parties provided shelter to the armed hoodlums in their student fronts to establish supremacy on the campus.

They called upon the political parties and the student organisations to expel all miscreants from their respective organisations and hoped that all democratic student organisations would play an active role in resisting terrorism.

They termed the Syndicate decisions on closing the University and vacating the halls as illogical and threatened to begin the second phase of their movement if the authorities further imposed any such decision on the general students.

The press conference was addressed by Selim Reza Newton, Ahmed Shaheen, Janabul Islam and others.

The students, however, will hold a general meeting Tuesday at 4 pm at the TSC to chalk out their next programme of action.



Prime Minister Begum Khaleida Zia taking salute at the passing out parade of Ansar and VDP members at the Ansar Academy at Shafipur on Sunday.

Pandemonium

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AL member, some others ran towards the front row and drew the attention of the members to the indecent incident.

Most Awami League members also stood up and shouted back at the Treasury Bench. Many of them, however, could not figure out what had happened.

Amidst noise nothing could be heard. Some BNP members and some AL members were seen trying to make their fellow MPs resume their seats instead of running here and there.

Speaker Abdul Rahman Biswas tried to persuade the members of both the benches to resume their seats but failed.

Dr Badruddoza Chowdhury, the Deputy Leader of the House, in an excited voice drew the attention of the Chairmanships scheduled for August 16 and 17.

They were reportedly students of various law colleges in the city.

They damaged the table and chairs of the office and harassed the office pion Shahabuddin.

During the ransacking the Dean was absent from the office.

College student shot in city

By Staff Correspondent

A student of Suhrawardy College in the city was shot and injured while he was passing by the college Sunday afternoon.

Shamsul Alam, a degree student of the college and worker of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), received bullet wounds in both of his legs and was admitted to the Sir Salimullah Medical College Hospital (SSMCH).

Political atmosphere

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The bills shall have to be passed before August 10 to avoid a constitutional crisis.

The Jatiya Party is likely to shift its stand on the form of government and may vote for a parliamentary system to be in the mainstream of politics.

Some of the Jatiya Party MPs might be brought to Parliament on parole to facilitate voting.

In the event of the Jatiya Party's support to these two bills the ruling party may get the support of a two-thirds majority even without the Awami League.

But Awami League sources indicated that the party would vote for the bills with reservations on provisions of floor-crossing, holding of referendum and procedure of presidential election.

The Awami League executive committee is continuing its meeting to take stock of the situation.

The ruling party has decided to show utmost tolerance in the face of all provocations.

On Sunday although Badruddoza Chowdhury asked for an apology from Sultanul Kabir, the ruling party remained satisfied with the Speaker's assurance to investigate the matter.

The ruling party's tolerance did good and Sheikh Hasina could finish her speech in a quiet atmosphere after the Magreb prayers.

The scene after the Magreb prayers again raised the hope that the country may overcome the crisis and the 11th and 12th Amendment Bills will go through smoothly.

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The Midnight File

Palestinians will join peace meeting, PLO official says

TUNIS, Aug 4: A key Palestine Liberation Organization official said Sunday he was confident a formula could be found to permit Palestinians to attend a Mideast peace conference planned for October. "There is no obstacle which will prevent the Palestinians from attending," Bassam Abu Sharif, as senior advisor to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, told reporters. He spoke as US Secretary of State James Baker held talks with Tunisian leaders, reports AP.

Egyptian President arrives in Libya

ROME, Aug 4: Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak arrived in Libya on Sunday and was greeted at Tripoli International Airport by Libyan leader Col Moammar Gadhafi, the official Libyan news agency JANA reported, reports AP.

Ships collide in strait of Gibraltar

CEUTA (Spain), Aug 4: A Norwegian freighter collided Sunday in dense fog in the Strait of Gibraltar with a Liberian ship and sank two hours later, a government spokesman said, reports AP.

Ershad's trial

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Yousuf Hossain Humayun, Sudhir Kumar Hazra, A R Mollah and Rezaul Karim.

In the cross-examination Major Saiful Alam replied to volleys of questions from Defence Counsel Strajul Haque.

Following are the excerpts: Strajul Haque (Defence Lawyer - DL): Do you know that the shoes mentioned in item No 14 and the tiger's skin (valued at Taka 25,000) were presented by the Deputy Commissioner of Rangpur?

Major Saiful Islam (MSI): I have no knowledge about it.

DL: Do you know that the gifts valued at above Taka 500 should be deposited to the Toshakhana?

MSI: I have nothing to say about that.

I was not involved in the fixation of prices.

DL: Did you meet Ershad between December 22 and 26?

MSI: Yes.

DL: Would you have any objection if Ershad and his wife see the listed prices of the articles?

MSI (pause): I have no comment on the prices of the articles.

DL (making a suggestion): Ershad had no opportunity to trace out his personal articles.

MSI: Yes.

DL: Is there any scope in the army to give an accused the right to self-defence? In Ershad's case there was no scope for him to defend himself during the inventory of the articles.

MSI: The inventory and pricing were done under civil law of the state. It was not done under army rule.

DL (suggestion): It is not evidence of courage that an accused was not given the opportunity to defend himself.

DL: Do you know the law on prisoners-of-war?

MSI: Yes.

DL: A prisoner-of-war is asked about the articles that belong to him.

Attorney General: This is an irrelevant question.

DL: Do you know about the Geneva Convention regarding prisoners-of-war?

MSI: Yes.

DL: There is a law in the Geneva Convention that prisoners-of-war deserve good behaviour.

MSI: Yes.

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Govt employees

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Miscalculation

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passed by a two-third majority of the members of Parliament in 1979.

They opted that the repeal of the Ordinance will require an amendment to the Constitution which should be passed by a two-third majority of Parliament members.

But the constitutional experts said that the Indemnity Ordinance should be excluded from the Fifth Amendment to the Constitution through a modification which would require the support of a two-third majority of parliament members.

Clause 18 of the Fourth Schedule which ratified the actions between August 15, 1975 and April 9, 1979 should be rewritten for further ratification of the Fifth Amendment.

The Clause states, "All proclamations, proclamation orders martial law regulations, martial law orders and other laws... are hereby ratified and confirmed."

Here, the "other laws" should be suffixed by the words "except the Indemnity Ordinance 1975" and in this connection another Constitution Amendment Bill should be notified.

Constitutional experts said that the Indemnity Ordinance (repeal) Bill notified by the Awami League on July 4 in no way carried any sense.

Some of the experts said that the Awami League could also file a case in the High Court Division of the Supreme Court demanding the declaration of the Indemnity Ordinance ultravires.

But till date none has lodged any case demanding the repeal of the Ordinance.

Dollar seizure

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On July 12 recovered US dollar 2,25,000 from a Pakistani national who was leaving for Bangkok by a Thai airlines flight.

Cantonment police said after interrogation, the accused, Mohammad Zubair, confessed that US dollar 2,70,000 was seized from him at the time of his arrest.

The customs officials of the surveillance unit at Zia charged by cantonment police for misappropriating US dollar 45,000 are Mahmood Akhter, assistant collector of customs, Mujibul Hug, customs super and customs inspectors Zaeguuddin, Lutfur Rahman, Matjur Rahman, Arwarul Matin Chowdhury, Rashidul Hassan, Haridas Shah, Mofizuddin, Abu Saleh Ahmed, Pronab Mohan Mondol, Shaful Islam and Harunur Rashid.

Cantonment police is continuing investigations into the case. Mohammad Zubair is currently being held at the Dhaka Central Jail.

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Hasina wants more time

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push the nation to a path of darkness and block the system for a transfer of power through constitutional means.

Sheikh Hasina said the BSS report published in the Dainik Bangla was not correct and had created a misunderstanding on her positive statement on the 12th Constitution amendment bill.

BSS reported that at a reception at the WAPDA auditorium on Friday Sheikh Hasina had said that she would resist the passage of the Constitution amendment bill unless the people's right was established.

Sheikh Hasina termed the report as mischievous and questioned why only the Dainik Bangla controlled by the government published the report.

She also raised questions as to why the Dainik Bangla was not privatised and said that on the same date the Prime Minister called the Acting President Justice Shahabuddin and brought allegations against some of the parliament members.

Sheikh Hasina alleged that the publication of the report and meeting with the Acting President was a "fixed game" on the part of the government to foil the bill which was first notified by the Awami League.

Sheikh Hasina said that the bill should be discussed thoroughly and that all should try to iron out differences that may give way to autocracy.

She said that a conspiracy was being hatched to foil the transition to parliamentary democracy and referred to Rules 81 and 82 of the Constitution which are relevant to move amendment proposals by the members of the House.

She again said that the Indemnity (repeal) Bill notified to the Parliament on July 4 had not yet been introduced due to 'delaying' tactics of the government.

She further said that the BSS should be given autonomy so that none could run autocracy by using the news agency.

She further said that the presidential election could be deferred to facilitate the thorough discussion so that the bill could be adopted on the basis of understanding, tolerance and mutual respect for laying the foundation for an unalloyed parliamentary system.

UNB adds: Referring to pre-election commitment of the three alliances to the November 19 joint declaration, the Leader of the Opposition said that they were all committed to sovereign parliament, autonomy of radio and television, independence of judiciary and end of politics of