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## Search all university dorms

PM says she will give the directive to the authorities to stop illegal activities



AGENCIES, Dhaka

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said directives would be given to conduct searches at all educational institutions and dormitories to arrest goons to stop the recurrence of incidents like the murder of Buet student Abrar Fahad.

It is unacceptable that students would indulge in hooliganism while staying at dormitories run with public money, she noted.

The PM also assured that the maximum punishment would be meted out to those involved in the brutal killing of Abrar.

Hasina said she considers offenders as offenders irrespective of their political identity.

"When someone commits a crime, I don't care which party he or she belongs to ... the offender must be

- Murder of 21-year-old Abrar is an inhuman act
- All those involved in the killing to be punished
- Student politics should not be banned
- India to get insignificant amount of Feni water
- Part of surplus LPG to be exported to Tripura

punished.

"I don't care who belongs to Chhatra League or Chhatra Dal. I'm taking into consideration the offence of beating a 21-year-old boy to death. It's an inhuman act."

The PM was addressing a press conference at the Gono Bhaban about the outcome of her recent official visits to the USA and India, reports UNB.

She further said, "What's the reason behind the brutal act of picking up and beating such a brilliant student [Abrar]? We're taking action against them [the perpetrators]. The highest punishment will be given to them and there's no doubt about it."

Abrar, a second-year student of electrical and electronic engineering department of Buet and a resident of Sher-e-Bangla Hall, was brutally beaten to death allegedly by some Chhatra League men at a university dormitory between 7:30pm Sunday and 2:30am Monday.

Replying to a query, she ruled out the call for banning

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PROF. JAMILUR REZA CHOUDHURY, PRESIDENT OF BUET ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

"This brutal murder [of Abrar Fahad] is the outcome of the university authorities' years of indifference, mismanagement and failure in ensuring security on the campus."



PROF. AINUN NISHAT

"Buet dormitories' administrative system has collapsed... the halls are now run by student leaders, not by the provosts and the assistant provosts."



ARCHITECT IQBAL HABIB

"Some so-called meritorious students are becoming monsters. Why? They have to be stopped immediately."



NOTED ACTOR ABUL HAYAT

"The student movement is the outburst of a long-standing accumulated resentment among the students."

## He's feigning hurt, can be beaten for 2 more hours

Abrar's killers said as he writhed in pain

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Five to six Chhatra League leaders and activists mainly led the torture of Abrar.

Anik Sarker was the most ruthless, said officials who interrogated the suspects.

The information and research affairs secretary of Buet BCL struck Abrar around 200 times with cricket stumps and he was a little drunk at the time, they added.

Abrar Fahad, a second-year student of Buet was beaten to death early Monday.

The first man to hit

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Dhaka University students marching with black flags in front of the Buet protesting the killing of Abrar Fahad and violence on campus yesterday. Inset, demonstrators of left-leaning student bodies in front of the Buet.

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN/ANISUR RAHMAN

## UN worried at campus violence

DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT

The United Nations (UN) has expressed grave concern over the pattern of campus violence in Bangladesh that affected and claimed too many lives over the years, with apparent impunity for those bearing responsibility.

It has called for quick and independent investigations into such killings, and an end to impunity and tolerance to such violence.

"Freedom of speech is a human right, and nobody should be harassed, tortured or killed for exercising it," the UN said in a statement yesterday.

It comes after Buet student Abrar Fahad was beaten to death late night Sunday, allegedly by some Chhatra League leaders for freely expressing his views.

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## Buet VC visits Abrar's grave amid protests

OUR CORRESPONDENT, Kushtia

Buet Vice-chancellor Prof Saiful Islam faced heavy protest from locals when he went to visit Abrar Fahad's village home in Kushtia yesterday evening.

Obstructed by villagers, the VC could not enter the house in Roydanga village of Kumarkhali upazila to console Abrar's mother.

They also demanded his resignation for the Buet administration's failure to contain such incident.

Abrar, a second-year student of the university's electrical and electronic engineering department, was beaten to death allegedly by some BCL

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## Remove Buet VC, punish the killers

Calls grow louder also for banning organisation-based student politics; protests over Abrar killing rage on

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Call for punishing Buet student Abrar Fahad's killers is getting louder as the alumni of the university and more teachers joined the student agitation, sparked by the brutal murder, yesterday.

The alumni and the teachers demanded removal of Vice-Chancellor Prof Saiful Islam for his "failure to ensure security" on the campus. They also pressed for an overhauling of the university administration as soon as possible.

Yesterday, the agitating students and teachers demanded banning organisation-based student politics at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), saying politics of terror has reigned the university dormitories for long.

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## BCL REIGN OF TERROR Buet admin did nothing

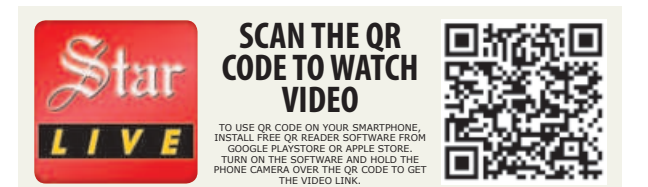
MOHAMMAD AL-MASUM MOLLA

Buet authorities knew that Chhatra League activists were bullying, verbally abusing, and physically torturing students but they rarely took action against the perpetrators.

The Daily Star talked to at least 10 teachers and three assistant provosts who knew about the torture on students at Buet dormitories. They said if the administration had acted accordingly, Abrar Fahad would not have been brutally killed.

Fahad, a second-year student of electrical and electronic engineering department of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), was beaten to death

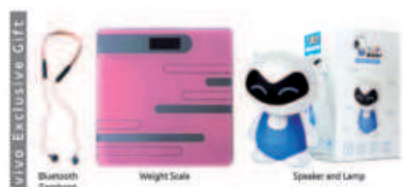
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