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Search all university dorms

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

AGENCIES, *Dhaka*

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina yesterday said directives would be given to conduct searches at all educational institutions and dormitories to arrest the rowdy elements 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 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 punished.

- 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

"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 by some Chhatra League men at the dormitory between 7:30pm Sunday and 2:30am Monday.

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

"I myself emerged [as a leader] through student

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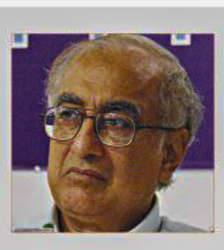

"This brutal murder [of Abrar Fahad] is the outcome of the university authorities' indifference, mismanagement and failure to ensure security on the campus."

PROFESSOR JAMILUR REZA CHOUDHURY, PRESIDENT OF BUET ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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

PROFESSOR AINUN NISHAT

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

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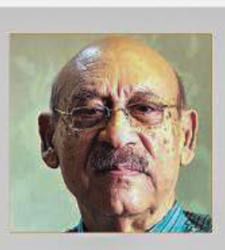

"The student demonstration is actually the outburst of an accumulated resentment among the students."

NOTED ACTOR ABUL HAYAT

'He's feigning, can be beaten up for two 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.

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

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

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

The first man to hit Abrar was Mehedi Hasan

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UN worried over 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

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

PHOTO: PALASH KHAN/ANISUR RAHMAN

The VC visits Abrar's grave amid protests

OUR CORRESPONDENT, *Kushtia*

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

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

The protesters demanded his resignation for Buet's failure to stop such a gruesome incident.

Abrar, a second-year student of the university's electrical and electronic engineering department, was beaten to death by some BCL men at the university's Sher-e-Bangla Hall sometime between 7:30pm Sunday and 2:30am Monday.

Around 4:00pm

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Ban politics at Buet, punish the killers

Calls grow louder also for removal of vice-chancellor; protests over Abrar killing rage on

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

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

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

The agitating students and teachers demanded a ban on organisation-based student politics at Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), saying politics of terror has long been rampant at the dormitories.

The student demonstrations yesterday spread like wildfire across the capital and elsewhere. Speaking there, teachers, students and their guardians too demanded that the VC be ousted immediately.

At Buet, Muhammad Zafar Iqbal Khan, the provost of Sher-e-Bangla Hall, resigned yesterday. Abrar, a second-year student of electrical and electronic engineering department and also a resident of the dormitory, was beaten to death by a group of Chhatra League leaders inside the hall sometime between 7:30pm Sunday and 2:30am Monday.

Law enforcers and his fellow students suspect Abrar was attacked because of one of his recent Facebook posts, which seemed critical of some recent deals with India.

'REMOVE VC'

Over a hundred members of Buet Alumni

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BCL REIGN OF TERROR

Univ 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 had to die this way.

Fahad, a second-year student of electrical and electronic engineering department of Buet, was beaten to death by some Chhatra League men at a dormitory on Monday,

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