



DU authority blames police inaction in arresting terrorists

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The Dhaka University authorities are now in a helpless position following the negligence of law-enforcers to arrest the identified terrorists responsible for the November 13 incidents on the campus.

The six-member probe body formed to identify the terrorists and investigate the incidents at Jagannath Hall and Sergeant Zahurul Huq Hall is yet to submit its report. The committee was asked to submit the report within seven days but they pleaded for seven more days to complete the investigation.

Talking to The Bangladesh Observer, Dhaka University Proctor Prof. Nazrul Islam who is also the member-secretary of the body said his team would submit the report by this week. "We have completed the investigation and are now preparing the report. We will submit it very shortly," he said.

The armed cadres who were photographed along with sophisticated firearms in most of the newspapers a day after the incidents are now moving freely on the campus.

The proctor, too, admitted their presence but he did not want to talk about their identity.

Helpless at the way things are

going, the authorities have blamed the police for not arresting the 'identified terrorists'. "We've told them to arrest the culprits irrespective of their party affiliation, but so far the response is nil," the university Proctor said.

Showing thumbs to the DU authorities and the law-enforcers present on the campus, one of the accused was seen taking Iftar with the university high officials at an Iftar party at the TSC.

The President of DU unit of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Monir. Hossain told this correspondent that "Most of the photographed persons were the members of the suspended central committee of JCD. As the committee is dissolved, we could do nothing against them", he said adding "It's a just matter of political decision to arrest the terrorists".

Meanwhile, despite settlement between the authorities and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), no member of the organisation has been rehabilitated in the DU halls.

The BCL leaders earlier submitted a list of their activists ousted from the halls. But the authorities are saying they would make proper verification of the list first and then think about their rehabilitation.

"We've sent the list to the hall provosts for verification but they didn't verify them as yet," Proctor Nazrul Islam said.

The BCL leaders already accused the authorities of not keeping their words. "The JCD-men attacked the organising secretary of Shahidullah Hall unit Chhatra League but the authorities still kept silence," said BCL leader Liakat Sikder.

An intelligence official stationed on the campus said "We know everybody and also reported to the higher authorities but we did not get any directive to arrest them".

"Are you mad! How police could arrest the leaders of ruling party's student wing without their consent," he said in a surprising voice.