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## Call to realise students' demand

Country's student community on Thursday observed in a befitting manner the historic "Education day" with the slogan: Education is a right, not privilege, says UNB.

On the day in 1962, three students were killed in Dhaka when police opened fire during a student strike to protest recommendations of the Sharif Commission on education.

Mostafa, Babul and Waizullah laid down their lives to uphold the demand for withdrawal of the "anti-people" reports and introducing universal scientific education system in the country.

On August 26 in 1959, the commission, headed by former Education Secretary SM Sharif, submitted recommendations on a new education policy.

Later, the Pakistan Government decided to implement the recommendations from 1961-62 academic year, touching off a campus storm of protest.

To mark the day, different student organisations held rallies and organised discussion meetings in the city, as elsewhere in the country.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) Dhaka City Unit held a rally in front of the National Press Club. It was addressed by DUCSU AGS Nazimuddin Alam, city unit General Secretary Nasiruddin Pintu, Dhaka College Unit President Z Mortuza, Tula college union GS Abdul Awal, Tejgaon College union VP SM Jahangir Hossain and Shamsul Alam.

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The JCD leaders called upon the student community to uphold the spirit of the day by realising just demands of students and ousting troublemakers from educational institutions unitedly to maintain academic atmosphere on the campus.

To observe the day, pro-Awami League Chhatra League (M-I) arranged a discussion at its office with its President Mainuddin Hasan Chowdhury in the chair.

It was addressed, among others, by Ishak Ali Khan Panna, Mahbubul Huq Shakil, Pankaj Devnath, Monjurul Islam Ashru and Mezbahul Hossain Bacchu.

They called upon the student community to come forward to materialise the dream of those sacrificed their lives for a universal scientific education system.

The BCL leaders alleged the BNP government after takeover had betrayed the 10-point demand of student community, although it was elected democratically.

Referring to the new ordinance, the BCL leaders alleged the Government had resorted to this law with an ulterior motive to suppress the Opposition and gag the students.

"We will not return home until the black law is withdrawn," said the BCL President and called upon all to launch a greater movement to resist the Anti-Terrorism Ordinance and realising students 10-point demand.

Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikyo, a platform of eight left-leaning student organisations, held a rally on the Dhaka University campus to mark the historic day.

Presided over by Nasiruddozza, it was addressed, among others, by Moklesur Rahman, Razekuzzaman Ratan, Ahad Ahmed, Abdus Sattar Khan, Bidhan Roy, Abu Aslam Mintu and Ragib Ahsan Munna.

The speakers suspected that the government and its retinues banded out to put taboo on student politics for turning Bangladesh into a communal country.

Moklesur Rahman said without replacement of Home Minister Abdul Matin Chowdhury, elimination of terrorism from society is impossible.