

Ex-student leaders' concern over police attack on SN Hall, closure of DU

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Former student leaders on Sunday expressed their deep concern over the police attack on Shamsunnahar Hall of Dhaka University and subsequent incidents of agitation by general students and closure of the university for an indefinite period.

In a joint statement they described the series of incidents leading to the closure of Dhaka University and said that from the very beginning the government and the university authorities had resorted to the "path of repression", neglecting the rational demands of the students. They alleged that "armed cadres of Chhatra Dal were set against the general students alongside the police".

Narrating the glorious role played by students of the Dhaka University at different times, they said the Vice-Chancellor had resorted to "pack of lies" from the beginning and finally closed down the university for an indefinite period having failed to face the movement of the students.

They accused the Vice-Chancellor of resorting to lies with regard to the closure of the university.

They observed that according to Dhaka University Ordinance of 1973, the Vice-Chancellor would have to take decision by calling an emergency meeting of the Syndicate.

The former student leaders demanded immediate resignation of Vice-Chancellor and Proctor of Dhaka University, release of all arrested students, withdrawal of all cases against students and reopening of the university.

Signatories to the statement were Obaidul Kader, Bahalul Majnun Chunnu, K.M. Jahangir, Abdul Mannan, Mahmudur Rahman Manna, Akhtaruzzaman, Fazle Hossain Badsha, Abdul Mannan Khan, Anwarul Huq, Shirin Akhtar, Jahangir Kabir Nanak, Sultan M. Mansur Ahmed, Abdur Rahman, Aatur Rahman Dhali, Mizanur Rahman Manu, Enaetur Rahim, Shah-e-Alam, Nazmul Huq Prdhan, Asim Kumar Ukil, Shafi Ahmed, Noor Ahmad Bukul, S.M. Kamal Hossain, Mosharraf Hossain, Syed Jahangir, Dr. Akhtar Sobhan Masrur, Ragib Ahsan Munna, Ruhul Quddus Babu, Mainuddin Hasan Chowdhury, Iqbalur Rahim and Enamul Huq Shamim, among others.