

50 students, 4 teachers

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identify them, but declined to accept their official identity cards that led to an altercation. At one stage, police started beating them.

Campus sources said a group of ruling party-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) cadres attacked some demonstrators in front of the Central Library when they were running for shelter after chase by police. President of DU unit Chhatra League Delwar Hossain was caught by the attackers and received severe injuries. JCD's DU unit president Monir Hossain only rescued him.

The attackers further roughed up Zahidul Islam, a reporter of The Daily Star.

Gathering one after another at the Shahbagh area, some 300 male and female students forced their entry into the campus, pushing aside the barbed-wire fences at about 11:00 am.

They rushed to the Rokeya Hall area and recaptured the "free zone" they declared after the DU authorities with the help of police vacated the halls on Sunday. Initially, police remained calm when agitating students moved to Rokeya Hall area.

Some girl students jumped over the hall gate and tried to break the lock put from inside. Police went into action within half an hour when they came to know that some students were trying to break the gates of Rokeya Hall to enter the hall.

The students continued their demonstration for the sixth consecutive day on Monday after police swooped on the Shamsunnahar Hall at dead of night.

Meanwhile, some 400 students began fast-unto-death at the Cen-

tral Shaheed Minar from 10:00 am to protest last week's outrageous incident in the DU Shamsunnahar Hall.

Under the banner of "Students Against Repression", the students were reciting poems, singing songs and staging drama in a unique way of drumming up their demands for resignation of Vice-Chancellor Anwarullah Chowdhury and reopening of the university that has been closed sine die since Saturday.

Academics, cultural activists and leaders of different organisations expressed solidarity with the students.

DU Journalists Association instantly brought out a silent procession on the campus protesting the attack on journalists while discharging their duties. From a rally at Raju Memorial Monument action programmes were declared, including black badge-protest march on the campus today (Tuesday).

More than 100 DU teachers from a protest meeting at the DU Club in the evening demanded immediate resignation of the Vice Chancellor and the proctorial staffs for their "moral degradation and failure in discharging duties".

They expressed their resentments over the police excesses on Monday by assaulting the teachers, students and journalists. They also vented their anger over the misconduct of police with their spouses at the entry-points to the campus.

The university authorities in an official order asked the teachers to collect identity cards. This move made the teachers more embarrassed. "I can't recall the Pakistani army did issue such notice in 1971," said a teacher of Social Welfare.

"Well, I'll show my ID, but will happen to my wife and children?" asked another.