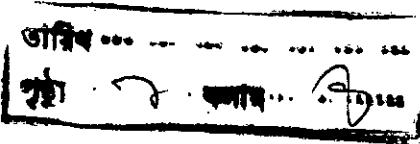


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Samad Azad asks DU VC to step down

Awami League Acting President Abdus Samad Azad on Thursday asked the Dhaka University Vice Chancellor to step down forthwith shouldering the failure to ensure security of his students, reports UNB.

In a statement, he also demanded exemplary punishment of the police officials and Chhatra Dal terrorists responsible for attacks on female students of Shamsunnahar Hall and general students of the university.

"Otherwise, the Vice Chancellor and the government will have to shoulder the responsibility for any consequences," warned the former Foreign Minister.

Denouncing police atrocities on the residents of Shamsunnahar Hall Tuesday night and firing of gunshots and teargas shells on general students the following day, he said the entire nation is shocked and stunned at the brutalities.

"But the Vice Chancellor of the University shamelessly denied the police atrocities on general students, including the girls. The top chair and guardian of the university has totally failed to ensure security of his students," Samad Azad MP blasted.

He said in 80 years' history of the Dhaka University, the highest seat of learning of the country, there was no instance that police stormed a female dormitory at midnight and unleashed a reign of terror.

"The policemen not only entered the female hall undercover of dark, but also dragged the girls, pulled off their scarf and hair, hurled abuses and behaved indecently," he said.

The Awami League leader said the police action on female students reminded us the atrocities of Pak occupation forces on the black night of March 25, 1971.