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JN Hall tragedy

DU mourning day today

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The Dhaka University Mourning Day will be observed today (Friday) in a befitting manner.

Different organisations including the October 15 Memorial Committee of Dhaka University have chalked out separate programmes to mark the day.

On this day in 1985, about 39 people including students, guests and employees were killed when the roof of the old auditorium building of Jagannath Hall collapsed.

The victims along with other fellow students were watching a TV serial "Suktara" at 8.30 p.m.

According to the decisions of the Memorial Committee, black flag will be hoisted atop residential halls and administrative building at 6 a.m. and the university flag will be kept at half-mast.

Other programmes of the Memorial Committee include wearing of black badges, mourning procession from Aparajeo Bangla at 6.30 a.m., placing of wreath at the memorial at Jagannath Hall and observance of one minute silence, special prayer of Hindus, Buddhas and Christians from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at Jagannath Hall premises, blood donation programme at 11.30 a.m. remembrance meeting and cultural function at TSC auditorium at 4 p.m. and offering munajat at the Central Mosque and all hall mosques after Asr prayer.

Jagannath Hall Students' Union (JHSU), leaders in a joint statement on Thursday urged teachers, students, officers and employees of the University to observe the University Mourning Day.

Awami League backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) will bring out a silent procession, place floral wreath at Jagannath Hall Memorial in the morning as a part of its mourning day programme.

Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO), a joint body of eight left-leaning student organisations will place wreath at the memorial in the morning.