

DU bid to remove terrorists fails

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The efforts by the Dhaka University authorities to eradicate terrorism from the campus have virtually failed. The terrorists and outsiders have again taken shelter in most of the residential halls of the university.

Terrorists and non-residents are now staying at both the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) controlled halls under the shadow of their respective organisations.

Only Suryasen Hall and Jagannath Hall are free from outsiders as strict checking of identity cards has been continuing at the hall gates by the authorities.

Dhaka University authorities vacated Suryasen Hall for 24-hour on July 31 and then allowed only the bonafide resident students to enter the hall after checking their identity cards. Later, the authorities extended the drive to the other residential halls from August 10 in a bid to make the campus free from terrorists and outsiders but the efforts were in vain due to lack of sincerity of the student organisations.

The University authorities took

such initiatives, as the campus became violent following the capture of JCD controlled Suryasen Hall by BCL workers. The Chhatra League (S-P) members captured the hall on July 24 taking advantage of internal clashes that took place at the hall between two factions of JCD.

The outsiders and terrorists belonging to JCD are now staying at Chhatra Dal controlled Ziaur Rahman Hall, Bangabandhu Hall and Jasimuddin Hall while those belonging to BCL are now staying at Chhatra League controlled Mohsin Hall, Zahurul Haq Hall, A.F. Rahman Hall, Salimullah Hall, Shahidullah Hall and Fazlul Haq Hall.

Campus sources said there are no checking of identity cards at the gates of these halls but police are still guarding the hall gates. "Outsiders and terrorists from both BCL and JCD maintain a good relationship with police guarding at all the hall gates so they never face any problem to enter the halls" the sources added. Alongside, the terrorists are the main factor to control almost every-

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thing in their respective halls.

Thirty activists of Chhatra Dal who are resident students of different halls and allowed by Suryasen Hall authorities to stay at the hall till August 10 as per memorandum of understanding, have been ousted from the hall by the hall authorities. Although university authorities placed them at their respective halls they have now taken shelter at the JCD controlled dormitories saying that the BCL dominated halls are not safe place for them.

Like the JCD members, the BCL activists who are resident students of the three JCD controlled halls are staying at the Chhatra League controlled halls for their safety.

According to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by different student organisations and the university authorities on July 29, the university authorities began drive at all the halls one after another to free the campus from terrorists and outsiders.

After successful completion of the drive at some of the halls, the university authorities launched the drive at Ziaur Rahman Hall but the JCD members boycotted the drive saying that the Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof. A.K. Azad Chowdhury is playing a partisan role. They also humiliated the VC and the Proctor of the university.

After the incident a tense situation has been prevailing on the campus.