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Khaleda expresses deep concern over DU violence

BNP Chairperson and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Begum Khaleda Zia on Friday expressed deep concern over the violence by "armed cadre of Chhatra League and its hired goons" on the Dhaka University campus on Wednesday-Thursday, reports UNB.

"I'm shocked and aggrieved" over the tragic death of a student in the violence that also left many teacher-students injured, she said in a statement.

She accused the Awami League student wing for the rampage, arson, indiscriminate firing and beating up of innocent students on the campus and said that police had arrested more than 200 JCD activists and helped the BCL to capture three halls ousting JCD supporters.

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Begum Zia warned that the government could not stop its inevitable fall by resorting to such repression of political opponents. "This will only accelerate the movement and hasten the fall of the government."

The opposition leader said the violence over a trivial matter at the highest seat of learning surpassed all records of terrorist acts by pro-Awami League Chhatra League in educational institutions across the country.

She said the violence by BCL in Dhaka University was an attempt to weed out JCD from the DU campus.

The BNP Chairperson said the people have become fed up of the Awami misrule. The ruling party is being isolated from the people and turned into a "political orphan", she said.

She alleged that after destroying the country's agriculture, industry, trade and administration the government now out to destroy the academic institutions and push the country into a civil war.

She said the violence on the DU campus and attack on Chhatra Dal by armed cadre of Chhatra League and its hired goons is part of its deep-rooted conspiracy.

The opposition leader demanded immediate release of the arrested leaders and workers of JCD and steps for their return to their respective halls. Otherwise, she warned that the government will have to bear all the consequences.

She also asked the police to perform their duty neutrally.