

Move to amend Varsity Ordinance resented

Varsity Correspondent

The Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) at a meeting on Monday, expressed strong resentment against the decision adopted by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on education to amend the University Ordinance-1973 and urged all democratic forces to raise voice against the attempt to curb the university autonomy.

The meeting, chaired by DUTA Vice-President Prof. Sayeed-ur-Rahman, said that the resolution adopted in the meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on education to amend the university ordinance would not only spoil the democratic atmosphere of the universities but also create deep crisis in the higher education. The meeting expressed its firm determination to preserve the University Ordinance-1973 and any cost and said, without discussing with DUTA any change in the ordinance would not be acceptable to teacher community.

Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (JUTA) at a meeting termed the decision of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on education to amend the university ordinance as a conspiracy to tighten the Government's control over universities and said that it would hamper the academic atmosphere on campuses.

Without consulting with representatives of teacher community any change in the democratic ordinance would be resisted, JUTA warned.

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Meanwhile, President of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) Belal Chowdhury and General Secretary Rajekuzzaman Ratan and President of JSD (Inu) backed Chhatra League (B-K) Ruhul Kuddus Babu and General Secretary Andullahil Quayum in separate statements on Monday resented adoption of proposal by the Parliamentary Standing Committee on education regarding to amend the university ordinance.

Some proposals have been passed in the meeting of the Parliamentary Standing Committee despite objection of some members of the committee which would spoil the congenial academic atmosphere of the universities, they added.

They urged all quarters to come forward to resist the conspiracy against the university autonomy.