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DU V-C slated for evading responsibility

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Different student organisations in separate statements on Thursday criticised the Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University for what they called evading responsibility in resisting terrorism on the campus. They also slated him for proposing a meeting between the students organisations and the government to evolve way for establishing peace on the campus.

Mr. Mustaq Hossain General Secretary of Dhaka University Central Students Union DUCSU rejected the proposal of Vice Chancellor for a meeting between the student organisations and the govern-

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ment to establish peace on the campus. Accusing the government of helping terrorism and aiding the terrorists with arms, Mustaq Hussain alleged that it did not try to find out the terrorists and try them for violence. He said peace on the campus could easily be established if the government sincerely wanted it by arresting the terrorists and plugging the sources of illegal arms supply to the campus.

Further, criticising the Vice Chancellor for shifting the responsibility of reopening of the university on others the DUCSU General Secretary said, the university administration must own the responsibility of opening it. He called upon the university authorities to reopen the university immediately and call a meeting of the educational environment council.

Nine student organisations termed the statement of Vice Chancellor Prof. Abdul Mannan as misleading and accused him of evading responsibility of violent incidents on the campus. The student organisations held the university administration responsible for the past killings on the campus. Demanding resignation of the Vice-Chancellor the student organisations said that it would not be possible to establish peace on the campus and free it from terrorism keeping the present Vice Chancellor in the chair. The student organisations demanded expulsion of all involved in the recent violence and gun battle on the campus.

Zahiruddin Swapan and Nur Ahmed Bakul, President and General Secretary respectively of Bangladesh Chhatra Maitri demanded immediate reopening of Dhaka University and arresting of identified armed miscreants. They said that the university authorities were quite aware of the persons possessing illegal arms. But they regretted that it had not arrested them for reasons best known to them.

Mustafizur Rahman Babul and Nasiruddoza, President and General Secretary respectively of Bangladesh Chhatra Union protested the statement of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Abdul Mannan and said the escalation of violence on the campus was the result of the apathy of the university administration in taking punitive actions against those responsible for killing Kanak, Arif, Liton and attack on the girls' procession in the past. They alleged that the government too was not sincere in keeping the campus free from arms and rather aided terrorists as part of its conspiracy to ban student politics. They termed the statement of Vice Chancellor as unfortunate for putting wholesale blame on the students organisations for campus violence.