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VC reviews campus situation

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The Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. Maniruzzaman Miah Monday had separate meetings with the provosts and the leaders of the All-Party Students Unity to end the terrorism following the incident of gun fire and bomb blasts on the campus on Sunday night.

The meeting of the Vice Chancellor with the provosts and the leaders of the All-Party Students Unity failed to ascertain how the light on the campus was put during the incident which lasted several hours. The incident of putting out street light in the university shrouded in the mystery.

The Vice Chancellor instructed the provosts not to be influenced by any student organisation while taking any administrative decision.

The Vice Chancellor regretted that in spite of the request made to the Acting President to make the campus arms-free no satisfactory arrangement was taken in this respect.

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ernment after nine years of anti-autocracy movement. The All-Party Students Unity had been repeatedly requesting the Government and the Police administration to help ensure congenial atmosphere on the campus. The leaders of APSU assured the Government of its all out support in arresting the armed hoodlums and terrorists during the meeting with the Acting President, Home Secretary and the officers of the law enforcing agencies. In spite of that the police administration failed to prevent infiltration of the armed gangs on the campus.

In the statement the All-Party Students Unity said the exchange of fire between two rival groups of students on the Campus on Sunday night panicked students and teachers living on the campus. The terrorists looted and ransacked the rooms of many students in different halls.

The All-Party Student Unity demanded arrest of all armed members irrespective of their identity. It also demanded the university administration to take stern actions against the terrorists.

Some students of the university told the Bangladesh Observer on Monday that the Sunday's incident originated when the students of a particular organisation tried to change the name of the Mujib Hall.

Aman

Mr. Amanullah Aman, and Fazlul Huq Milon, Convener and Joint Convener respectively of Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal in a statement on Monday expressed their grave concern over the shoot out on the Dhaka University campus on Sunday night. Strongly condemning the act of terrorism, the Chhatra Dal leaders demanded immediate arrest of the members of the armed gang from the campus to make it arms-free and restore normal academic atmosphere.

The leaders of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal also demanded compensation to the students who fell victims to the Sunday's incident.

They said the incident took place at a time when the elected representatives of the country were going to take over the statecraft, and the nation is going to enjoy the taste of democracy. They alleged some identified hoodlums of a particular student organisation at the instruction of their leaders was going to stage the 1986-type conspiracy through violence.

They said Sunday's incident had proved that the forces which actively collaborated with the autocratic Ershad regime in 1986 was again out to foil the trial of Ershad when the students in general were planning movement demanding the trial of Ershad.