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Terrorism in campus won't be allowed: V-C

By Our DU Correspondent

Prof Fazlul Halim Chowdhury, Vice-Chancellor of Dacca University on Friday said that students should be politically conscious, "they should do politics" but creating terrorism in the campus in the name of politics could not be allowed.

He was speaking at a meeting of the teachers, students and employees of the University organised at Battala in protest against the explosion of grenades on a peaceful procession by unidentified miscreants.

The Vice-Chancellor termed the present condition of the University as "critical" and said that the University was meant for education. Condition of the campus which was endangering the life of the students could not be tolerated he said.

He urged the leaders of different organisations to expel the outsiders and terrorist's from their respective organisations so that no

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student fall victim of terrorism in future.

"We must resist such grievous and heinous incident", he said and added that the student organisations had expressed their determination to remove the miscreants from the campus.

Prof Chowdhury said that the first identity of the injured persons was students of the University and if the students were to lose their legs and to be injured by the explosion of grenades, "we don't have rights to come to the University".

He said that no Vice-Chancellor had to call such meeting at Battala during the last 60 years since the inception of the University. He hoped that students should come forward to restore congenial atmosphere in the campus so that this would be the first and last meeting of this kind.

The meeting was addressed by the President of Dacca University Teachers' Association (DUTA) Mr Moniruzzaman, 19 student leaders and the Joint Secretary of DU Karmachari Samity.

They strongly condemned the incident and demanded exemplary punishment to the responsible persons.

A three-member enquiry committee was formed with Mr Moniruzzaman Miah, a Syndicate Member and the Deans of the Faculties of Science and Law to find out persons responsible for the incident.

Earlier, at about 11.30 p.m. on Thursday the Vice-Chancellor addressed a gathering of the workers and supporters of Islami Chhatra Shibir — who were in the procession and escaped the bomb blast.

Messrs Mahmudur Rahman Manna, Enamul Huq and Golam Sarwar Milan who addressed the gathering demanded exemplary punishment to those responsible for the incident.

Meanwhile, different political parties and student organisations issued separate statement to the press condemning the incident. The organisations are: Bangladesh Islamic Democratic League, Jammat-e-Islami Bangladesh Sangrami Chhatra Oikya, Bangladesh Chhatra League (A-B), Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shakti, Biplobi Chhatra Maitri, Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir, Bangladesh Chhatra Union Jatiya Chhatra Front, Jatiya Chhatra Dal, Central Students' Union of Engineering University Bangladesh Biplobi Chhatra Union, Dacca University Teachers' Association, Progressive Democratic Force.