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### Education Day observed

Opposition-backed student organisations observed the Education Day Monday through rallies and discussions, reports UNB.

Students observe September 17 every year as Education Day to commemorate the killing of three students of the Dhaka University. On this day in 1962, police opened fire on a student procession brought out in protest against a proposed education policy of Hamudur Rahman Commission.

Dhaka University Central Student's Union (DUCSU), combine of the nine student organisations, Chhatra League (H-A), Chhatra Union, Jatiya Chhatra League and Chhatra Federation held separate rallies in front of the Jatiya Press Club on Monday.

At their rallies, the student bodies gave simultaneous call for a country-wide student strike on September 22 demanding reduction of prices of newsprint and educational requisites.

Chhatra League (H-A) announced it will gherao the BCIC Bhaban on October 10 if its demand for reduction of newsprint price was not met by September 22.

The DUCSU rally was addressed by its General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khokon and student leaders Rafiqul Islam Jaglu, Kamaruzzaman Ratan and Saifuddin Ahmed Moni.

The Chhatra League rally was addressed, among other, by its President Habibur Rahman Habib and General Secretary Ashim Kumar Ukil.

Zahiruddin Swapon and Shafi Ahmed were the main speakers at the rally organised by the combine of nine student organisations while the Chhatra Federation rally was addressed by Faizul Hakim and Syed Jahangir.

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Speakers at the rallies also demanded introduction of universal scientific education in the country. They accused the present "autocratic government" of trying to destroy the country's education system for "ulterior motive".

### Former student leaders meet

A discussion meeting was also arranged on the occasion by former student leaders who took part in the 1962 movement against Hamudur Rahman Commission.

Former DUCSU GS Enayetur Rahman, former RUCSU GS Mazharul Huq Baki and former student leaders Atiur Rahman and Mohiuddin took part in the discussion held at the TSC Seminar Room this afternoon.