

Political parties urged to expel campus terrorists

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Dhaka University Vice-Chancellor Prof M Maniruzzaman Mia Friday said the campus violence cannot be rooted out unless the political parties were sincere in not sheltering terrorists in their respective party folds, reports BSS.

Addressing a guardians' rally at the TSC auditorium of the Dhaka University, the Vice-Chancellor said the campus violence is a political one and it can only be solved politically.

The conception of a University is such that a Vice-Chancellor does not keep arms with him or has any armed bodyguard, so how can he check the violence in the campus, he asked.

The guardians' rally was organised by Jatiya Abhibhabak Samity to drum up support for re-opening the closed educational institutions and stopping campus violence.

Presided over by the President of the organisation, Dr A M A

Zaman, the rally was also addressed by Barrister Ishtiaq Ahmed, Khondakar Mahbubuddin Ahmed, Advocate Shamsul Huq Chowdhury, Prof Shahadat Ali, Dr Abdul Baten Khan, M A Mo-haimen and Advocate A K M Emdadul Huq, General Secretary of the Abhibhabak Samity.

Prof Maniruzzaman Mia said it was very clear who were controlling the arms holders and what was the purpose behind it.

The political parties wanted to command authorities over the campus by patronising terrorists for mere political reason, he said.

The Vice-Chancellor said he was present in the visitors' gallery of the parliament on the first day of the debate on campus violence and regretted that not a single MP uttered that if any student worker of his organisation were linked with violence, he would be expelled from the party.