

Allegation of rigging in polls motivated, DUTA tells newsmen

DU Correspondent

The Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) has termed the allegations raised by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) of rigging in the recently held DU Central Students Union (DUCSU) and hall unions elections as unthinkable, motivated and baseless.

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Raid on Mohsin Hall

DUTA meet told of authorities' inaction

Staff Reporter

The house tutors of Mohsin Hall of the Dhaka University have apprised the members of the Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) about the raid carried out by armed elements on the provost's office and inaction by the

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Addressing a press conference at the DU Club building yesterday afternoon Dr M A Mannan, general secretary of the association, said February 8 DUCSU and hall unions polls were held in a rare peaceful situation with the co-operation of teachers, students and employees of the university. But, he added, violence spread out in the halls and the university premises immediately after announcement of the poll results. Moreover, he said, Chhatra Dal, one of the participating groups in the elections raised allegations against the teachers of the university in connection with conducting the elections and announcement of the results.

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police and the university administration despite their repeated appeals for help.

On behalf of the house tutors and other teachers, Provost of Mohsin Hall Dr SMA Faiz gave a statement and a written report was placed by house tutor Dr Mahfuzur Rahman at the general meeting of the teachers association held on Sunday.

The meeting was called to review the post-DUCSU poll situation in the campus in the wake of clashes between rival supporters. The DUTA condemned the attacks on Rokeya Hall and Mohsin Hall by armed elements and called for stamping out terrorism from the campus at a press conference its leaders addressed yesterday.

The house tutors of Mohsin Hall narrated their chilling experience when gunmen raided the hall targeting the office of the provost where house tutors and some students were present.

from a bathroom attached to the provost's office and office of his assistant when the armed elements set fire to the offices. They added saying that despite repeated appeals for help the authorities did not intervene while the armed elements were in action.



Silent procession of Dhaka University teachers yesterday protesting campus violence.

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We could have been killed in the attack on us. We feel that if the law enforcing agency had resorted to timely action such a situation could have been averted, the teachers told their colleagues.

They also said that in reply to their SOS the Vice-chancellor's Office told them that there was only one truck of police guarding the VC's residence. But we had seen on our way back to the hall from the VC's residence that there were 10/12 truck loads of police in the campus, they said.

Even the provost's call to police was not heeded to by the law enforcement agency they added while describing their plight. Two teachers and more than a dozen of students were unable to escape