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APSU condemns reign of terror

Police deployed in DU campus

By A Staff Reporter

BDR and police were deployed on the campus following the exchange of fire between the rival groups of students of Dhaka University on Sunday night.

No untoward incident took place on Monday. However, tense situation prevailed throughout the day.

According to students unity sources, the gun battle was initiated in a bid to foil APSU programme on Monday.

APSU had earlier announced to hold rally in front of Jatiya Press Club demanding trial of HM Ershad, the ousted President. The

rally was, however, held according to the schedule.

APSU and students sources pointed out that participation of pro-Awami League faction of Chhatra League was poor in the programme. Chhatra League President and General Secretary, however, attended the rally.

A Dhaka University teacher, who is a member of the Senate, told this reporter that armed miscreants in disguise of students tried to create trouble when the Vice-Chancellor and Proctor of the University were absent from the campus. They were away from

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the city on official programmes.

The APSU condemned the attack and alleged that police had maintained silence over the incident. Police, however, showed little interest in arresting the armed miscreants, some APSU leaders alleged.

Students organisations also condemned the attack and called upon the students to maintain

unity against armed hooliganism. They termed the attack led by armed miscreants "an attempt to destabilise the congenial atmosphere on the campus and in national political arena."

BSS adds: Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatradal Convener Amanullah Aman, MP and Joint Convener Fazlul Huq Milán in a joint statement expressed their grave concern and condemned the reign of terror created in Dhaka University campus Sunday night.

The leaders said the armed hooligans of an identified organisation of conspirators went on rampage in the campus and residential halls as per the blueprint of their leaders to re-stage the "Mujib-Yahya-Bhutto" drama of 1970 at a time when the fair wind of democracy was gaining speed in the country with elected members about to take the responsibility of running the state and students were studying in a peaceful atmosphere.

UNB says: Vice Chancellor of Dhaka university Prof. M. Muniruzzaman Miah requested the university's hall Provosts Monday not to be influenced by political position of the students in carrying their administrative responsibilities.

The VC in separate meetings with Provosts of all residential halls and the leaders of All Party Students' Unity (APSU) discussed the situation arising out of Sunday's clash between rival groups of students in the campus.