

Closure of all edn institutions slated

By A Staff Reporter

One hundred and 30 teachers of the Dhaka University demanded immediate reopening of all educational institutions including the Dhaka University.

In a joint statement to the Press on Thursday, they also cautioned the government against infringement of autonomy of the universities through amendment

to the Ordinance of 1973 and said such interference would not be acceptable to the teachers.

Referring to the on-going opposition movement, the statement criticised repression on the people without provocation.

The statement called upon the opposition leaders to maintain the unity created through recent sacrifices and help restore a representative government through polls to be held under a non-partisan neutral caretaker government.

The statement also urged the leaders to set aside parochial differences which might stand as constraints towards broadbased unity.

APSUC

Meanwhile, All-Party Students Unity Council (APSUC) held a rally in front of the National Press Club on Thursday demanding immediate reopening

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of all the educational institutions of the country including the Dhaka University.

Presided over by President of Chhatra League (N-S) Nazmul Huq Pradhan, the rally was addressed, among others, by General Secretary of Dhaka University Central Students Union (DUCSU) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leader Khairul Kabir Khokon and President of Chhatra League (H-A) Habibur Rahman Habib.

The speakers condemned the police action on students' peaceful procession and killing of students during the recent anti-autocratic movement and demanded exemplary punishment of the persons responsible. They also demanded adequate compensation for the victims and immediate and unconditional release of all arrested student leaders.

The APSUC will hold a mass-students' rally at the Central Shaheed Minar on October 22 and observe demonstration near the Education Directorate on October 25 to press home its demands.

Terming the Law and Order Ordinance '90 of the government "illegal", the organisations demanded of the government for immediate withdrawal of the Ordinance.

JU SYNDICATE

The Jahangirnagar University Syndicate at an emergency meeting on Thursday described the closure of the University by a government order as "undesirable".

The Syndicate meeting decided to postpone all scheduled examinations till further announcement and to keep offices open.

RAJSHAHI VARSITY

UNB adds: Rajshahi University Central Students Union (RUCSU) today demanded immediate reopening of the varsity.

At a press conference, RUCSU leaders said the government order of closure was in utter violation of the University Ordinance, 1973.

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