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BAU seeks cooperation to restore normal atmosphere

From Our Correspondent

MYMENSINGH, Oct 22: The normal academic programme of Bangladesh Agricultural University has been seriously interrupted due to repeated armed violences and conflicts between the two altercationing students organisations of the University aiming at establishment of organizational supremacy by one over the other for the last five months. With utmost sincerity, the University administration, in cooperation with the teaching community, has been making allout efforts to put an end to this serious situation through mutual discussion and understanding. Against this background, the statements and remarks as have been made by those organisations in various dailies misinterpreting the role of the University administration as well as the overall campus situation are really very unfortunate. Lately those two students organisations held two separate press conferences wherein they blamed the University administration, the teachers responsible for students discipline and a few more teachers including the General Secretary of BAU Teachers Council for this situation. These are nothing but the distortion of truth. As a matter of fact, these statements are motivated and confusing and are undesirable as they stand on the way of mutual understanding. Besides, these statements serve only to hurt the honour and prestige of the University teaching community and, thus, belittle the image of the University in eyes of the nation.

The above opinion was expressed in a meeting of Deans of Faculties, Co-ordinator of the committee for Advanced Studies and Research, Students' Affairs Adviser, Provosts of Halls of Residence and Proctor of Bangladesh Agricultural University, held at 11 a.m. on October 14, 1991 with Vice-Chancellor in the chair.

The meeting urged all concerned to refrain from making such irresponsible and damaging statements and remarks. Moreover, it called upon all students, teachers, guardians and the concerned bodies including the political leaders irrespective of their differences of opinion and beliefs, to extend their active and sincerest support and cooperation in restoring the normal academic atmosphere in all educational institutions of the country, including BAU, without further delay.