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Teachers pledge to continue movement

By Our DU Correspondent

Seven Teachers' Associations in a joint rally on Monday vowed to continue the movement and not to return to the class rooms till cancellation of the Educational Institutions (Law and Order) Ordinance '90 and reopening of the colleges and universities.

Held at the lawn of the Dhaka University Teacher-Student Centre, speakers of the rally expressed solidarity with the movement of the mainstream opposition political parties and called for strengthening the opposition unity for the resignation of the government.

The teachers also demanded a free and fair parliamentary polls under a neutral and caretaker interim government.

Presided over by Prof. Ejaz Uddin Ahmed, President of Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA), the rally was addressed among others by the Teachers' representatives Dr. M. Akhtaruzzaman, President of College-University Teachers Association, Dr. Abdul Jabbar, a

Senate member of Dhaka University; Mr. Alauddin Ahmed, Secretary, Jahangirnagar University Teachers Association (JUTA); S.M. Shakhwah Hossain Mollik, Senior Vice-President, Bangladesh Teachers Association; Mr. Abul Kashem, Additional Secretary General, Federation of National Teachers' Associations.

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Mr. Badruddin Hawlader, President, Assistant Teachers' Association; and Fazlur Rahman of Primary teachers association.

Vice-President of Dhaka University Central Students Union (DUCSU) Mr. Amanullah Aman addressed the rally from the part of All Party Students' Unity (APSU) while, Dr. Selim Jahan Publicity Secretary of DUTA read out a ten-point resolution adopted in the rally. DUTA member Prof. Saidur Rahman conducted the programme.

The resolutions included immediate cancellation of the Educational Institutions (Law and Order) Ordinance 90 and reopening of all the colleges and universities; resignation of the President from the post of the Chancellor of Universities; immediate and unconditional release of all arrested student leaders and political detainees and realisation of the legal demands of the teachers' community.

The teachers called upon the Vice-Chancellors of different universities to boycott all the government functions till cancellation of the "Black law".

Terming the Ordinance "

naked attack" on the university autonomy, the teachers urged all the Teachers' Associations of the country irrespective of political beliefs and identity to forge a greater unity against it.

They also called upon all democracy-loving political leaders to come to a single platform sinking all differences to force the present government to resign.