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// 'Free JCD leaders without delay or face agitation'

Allow ousted students to go back to DU halls in 24 hours: BNP

By Staff Correspondent

Opposition BNP yesterday demanded that all ousted resident students of Dhaka University be allowed to return to their dormitories "within the next 24 hours" and arrested student leaders and activists released immediately.

BNP will hold demonstrations across the country tomorrow protesting "government atrocities" at the DU and other educational institutions, party Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan announced and warned of "tougher agitation programmes" if the demands are not fulfilled and alleged atrocities not stopped.

He was addressing a public meeting at the Ramna BotoMul in the city. The meeting was presided over by Sadek Hossain Khoka, convener of the party's city unit.

Three dormitories of Dhaka University were 'captured' by Chhatra League activists after a fierce gunfight with BNP's student wing, Jatiyatabadi Chha-

tra Dal, on the campus on Thursday and all JCD activists were 'ousted' from the halls. JCD president Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anny and some activists were arrested on Sunday from a procession when they were heading towards the campus to *gherao* the VC's office and residence to protest the incidents.

Mannan announced that the party will organise rallies and public meetings across the country on May 10 to protest the "black accord" on Chittagong Hill Tracts, price hike of essentials and "government atrocities", he said.

"A reign of terrorism has been unleashed at the Dhaka University to tarnish the image of the institution," Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan said.

The Awami League government had already turned the country into a market of India, he said.

The unrest at the Dhaka University was created deliber-

ately to destroy country's education system so that students go to our neighbouring country for studies," he alleged.

He also alleged that the government was not allowing the BNP to discuss in parliament the issues like CHT, rape of women, price hike of the essentials, food scarcity in the country.

"We will not allow the government to pass the CHT Bills in the Jatiya Sangsad. The CHT accord was signed by the government sacrificing national interests."

Organised by BNP's city unit, the meeting was attended by among others, Khurshid Jahan Huq, Barrister Moudud Ahmed, Barrister Abul Hasnat, Najibul Bashar Majibhandari, Gayeshwar Chandra Ray, Mirza Abbas, Amanullah Aman, Nazimuddin Alam and leaders of different front organisations of the party.