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“Public univ VCs assure support in the fight

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Strongly condemning the university level militant activities, vice-chancellors of public universities have assured that they will extend their all-out support to the government to root out militancy and extremism from the country.

The assurance came at a meeting held with the University Grants Commission (UGC) at its office in the capital yesterday.

UGC arranged the views-exchange meeting with the VCs on the country's current situation and other issues related to the universities. UGC Chairman Prof Abdul Mannan presided over the meeting.

UGC members Prof Dr Dil Afroza Begum, Prof Dr M Shah Nowaz Ali and Prof Dr Md Alauddin, the president of Association of University of Bangladesh, and vice-chancellors of different public universities were present at the meeting.

The vice-chancellors urged the UGC to play a pro-active role in resolving various problems of the universities and sought cooperation and assistance from the government to ensure overall security of the universities.

They raised various demands of the teachers at the meeting. In reply, Prof Abdul Mannan said the demands are under active consideration of the UGC.

He informed the meeting that the UGC will discuss the matter with the government at a convenient time.

The UGC chairman also urged the vice-chancellors to closely monitor the militant activities and curb extremism at university level.