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## Varsity teachers observe strike

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Teachers of universities observed a token-strike and brought out silent processions on their respective campuses on Sunday in response to the call of the Bangladesh Federation of University Teachers Association (BFTUA).

BFTUA, a combined body of the country's university teachers associations took this programme demanding arrest and trial of those responsible for the attack on teachers and destruction of property at Jahangirnagar University.

The teachers of Dhaka University observed token strike and brought out a silent procession on Sunday in support of BFTUA programme. The procession started from the foot of Aparajeyo Bangla and concluded at the Central Shaheed Minar.

Addressing the teachers gathering at the Shaheed Minar, Dr. Saidur Rahman, Vice-President of the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA), criticised the government for what he said its failure to arrest the 21 persons against whom the Jahangirnagar University authorities filed cases for the attack on the teachers. He blamed the government for its illegal attempt to 'politicalise' different institutions and called upon all to resist any attempt to destroy the university autonomy.

The DUTA leader also expressed solidarity with the JUTA demand for dissolution of the present body of the Jahangirnagar University Central Student's Union (JUCSU).

The joint committee of Jahangirnagar University at a meeting on Sunday demanded immediate suspension of JUCSU and hall unions and reiterated its demand for arrest of 21 persons against whom the University authorities filed case under Anti-terrorism Act.

The meeting, presided over by joint committee convener Prof. Khandaker Mustahidur Rahman, said that teachers, officers and employees have been realising the ne-

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cessity of immediate resumption of classes after bringing back normal academic atmosphere on the campus. But before nabbing the terrorists it would be impossible to conduct the activities of the University, it said adding that teachers will cover academic losses caused to the students due to the closure of the University through taking additional classes.

The meeting thanked the ministry of education for expressing sorrow and sympathy to the victims in the incident of Jahangirnagar University.

The meeting was addressed, among others, by Prof. Amirul Islam Chowdhury, Prof. Shirif Inamul Kabir, Muhammad Abdul Gafur, Mir Abul Kasem, Md. Abdur Razak, Md. Amir Hossain and Md. Bashirullah.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) held a rally in front of the National Press Club demanding arrest and trial of those responsible for the attack on Jahangirnagar University teachers.

Chaired by BCU President Sardar Ruhin Hossain Prince, the rally was addressed, among others by Sazzad-jahir Chandan and Jahangirnagar University unit leader Tarikul Islam Tipu.