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## Dhaka University observes mourning day

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Dhaka University vice-chancellor, teachers and officers pay tribute to victims of Jagannath Hall collapse on Tuesday. — New Age photo

Teachers, students and employees of Dhaka University on Tuesday observed Mourning Day commemorating the tragic deaths of students, employees and guests in a building collapse of the university's Jagannath Hall in 1985.

On that day in 1985, 39 people, including 26 students and 13 guests, died in as the roof of the hall auditorium caved in.

Black flags were hoisted at all the halls of residence and the main buildings of the university at 6:00am. The university flag was lowered at half-mast on the occasion.

A mourning procession was brought out from Aparajeya Bangla which marched towards the Jagannath hall memorial. At 7:30am, wreaths were placed at the memorial. The mourners also stood in solemn silence paying tribute to the victims.

A blood donation programme also was arranged on the Jagannath Hall premises while a painting exhibition was held at the hall.

As part of the Mourning Day's programme, a devotional song programme and a poetry recitation session were held at the prayer room of Jagannath Hall in the evening.

The hall authorities also arranged 'October Memorial Essay Competition' and 'October Memorial Painting Competition'.

A discussion was also held at October Memorial Building at 8:00am.

Among others, the university vice-chancellor M Akhtaruzzaman, pro-vice-chancellor (administration) Mohammad Samad, treasurer Kamal Uddin, DU teachers' association president ASM Maksud Kamal and hall provost Mihir Lal Sarker also attended the discussion.



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