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Concern over APSU threat at newspapers

By A Staff Reporter

Leaders of Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) and Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) in a joint statement on Monday expressed concern over the threat to take action against some newspapers if those fail to publish ob-

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