

Joint efforts urged to end campus violence

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Dhaka University Alumni Association and the Dhaka University Education Action Committee on Friday stressed the need for joint efforts by the government and the political parties to stop recurring violence and ensure congenial academic atmosphere in the country's educational institutions.

Organising two separate meetings at the Dhaka University Teacher-Student Centre, the DU Alumni Association and Dhaka University Education Action Committee urged the Government to reopen all the closed universities and educational institutions immediately to help save the most valuable period of the students' careers.

Presided over by Prof. Innas Ali, the DU Alumni Association meeting was addressed by Prof. Zillur Rahman Siddique and A.F.M. Shafulah.

The Dhaka University Education Action Committee (DUEAC) meeting was addressed by Poet Shamsur Rahman, Ahmed Safa, Jayanta Chattopadhyaya and Gopal Saha. Selim Reza Newton presided over the meeting.

Prof. Zillur Rahman Siddique blamed both the government and the political parties for patronising the

terrorists in their student organisations. Violence could not be resisted without joint efforts by the government and the political parties, he added.

He urged the government to take necessary steps for reopening all closed educational institutions and restoring congenial academic atmosphere on the campuses.

Prof. Innas Ali in his presidential speech said that both internal administrative weakness of the universities and external aggressions had been hampering the congenial academic atmosphere in the campuses. A section of political parties had been creating external aggression only to achieve its dishonest purposes, he alleged.

He called upon the students and teachers to build movement against the terrorists as early as possible.

Noted Poet Shamsur Rahman said that both Government and the Opposition had been patronising terrorism only to establish their political supremacy on the campus. He said Government could stop violence if it wished. But it did not take any measure in this regard because the student front had been involved in violence, he alleged.

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Mr. Shamsur Rahman said, it had already been proved that violence could not be resisted by the frequent closure of the university. He urged the Government to take effective steps to restore peaceful academic atmosphere on the campuses and called for reopening of all closed educational institutions all over the country.

Selim Reza Newton, President of the DUEAC called upon the university authorities to take administrative steps against the terrorists.

