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United bid can solve campus violence issue

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Sunday's violent incident on Dhaka University campus sparked off an unscheduled debate in the Jatiya Sangsad. The debate that lasted for about an hour, however, could not generate much heat.

Deputy Leader of the House Dr Badruddoza Chowdhury said the responsibility of the ongoing violent incidents in educational institutions should be shouldered by all political parties.

He said if all political parties are sincerely committed to a united effort, the present problem of violence in educational institutions could be solved.

Education Minister Jamiruddin Sircar participating in the debate said activists of a student front belonging to a "political party" armed with fire arms launched an attack on Jatiyatabadi Chhatradal members on Dhaka University campus and DUCSU office Sunday afternoon. The attempt to foil peace on the campus by those activists was deliberate, he said.

The Education Minister said the violence in educational institutions has become an open challenge to all political parties and members of the parliament. He felt that this menace should be faced unitedly. Immediately after the question-hour session,

Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami of Jamaat-e-Islami taking the floor drew the attention of Speaker Sheikh Razzak Ali to the Sunday's violence on Dhaka University campus and demanded a statement from the Home Minister on the issue. However, the Home Minister was not present in the house at that time.

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Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim said three persons were killed and several others injured in Dhaka University following a clash between two factions of JCD, a claim later dismissed by the Education Minister.

Barrister Moudud Ahmed, acting leader of JP Parliamentary

group, expressed his grave concern at the continued deterioration of law and order in the country. He observed that the government has been failing to exert its authority, which he said, has created a sense of insecurity among the people.

Mr. Tofael Ahmed of Awami League said what is happening in the country will not bring any good to anyone.

He appealed to the government not to take "one-sided" steps to solve law and order problem.

Mr. Salahuddin Yusuf demanded of the government to take strong measures to restore law and order in the country.

NDP member Salauddin Kader Chowdhury and Awami League member Sudhangsu Shekhar Halder also participated in the debate.