

140 CU teachers urge opposition to join JS

CHITTAGONG, June 10:—One hundred and forty teachers of Chittagong University have called upon Opposition Jatiya Sangsad members to return to Jatiya Sangsad and participate in parliamentary activities in order to keep the democratic political process running as well make the Parliament meaningful, reports BSS.

In a joint statement here today the teachers said, the nation has achieved parliamentary democracy through hard struggle and sacrifices and all concerned irrespective of difference of opinions should actively contribute towards institutionalisation of democracy. We believe, in a democratic system Parliament is the centre of all political activities and all problems or differences could be solved through discussion and debate in Parliament, they added.

They pointed out that the people had set their representatives to Parliament to seek solution to their

problems and it is unfortunate that Parliament members (Opposition) have been continuing the boycott of Jatiya Sangsad. We call upon Opposition Members of Parliament to return to Jatiya Sangsad immediately to make it meaningful.

The signatories to the statement were, among others, Prof. Hayat Hussain, Dr. Aftab Ahmad, Shafiqul Islam, Nazrul Islam, Dr. Hasam Muhammad, Dr. A.N.M. Munir Mahmud Chowdhury, Dr. Siddique Ahmad Chowdhury, Dr. Nurul Islam, Dr. M. Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Dr. Belayet Hussain, Dr. J.P. Dutta, Dr. Shabbir Ahmad, Sumangaol Baura, Jyotish Barua, Hasina Akhtar, Dr. M. Enamul Huq, Dr. Abdul Majid, Dr. M.A. Saleh, Dr. Rezaul Huq Khan, Prof. M.N. Mustafa, Prof. Abdus Subhan Bhuiyan, Dr. Muhammad Mahbub Ullah, Dr. Ranajit Kumar Barua.

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Dr. Muhammad Mohiuddin, Prof. Abul Kashem Chowdhury.

50 JU teachers

Another report adds: A total of 50 teachers of Jahangirnagar University on Friday urged the boycotting Opposition parties to come back to the Parliament and settle the issue of caretaker government through discussion.

In a statement, they said a smoke screen was being created centering the issue of caretaker government to make the Parliament inoperative. As a result, they said the autocratic and anti-democracy forces were getting the advantage.

The teachers said there was no provision of caretaker government in any constitution across the world. "Even there is no Guarantee that a caretaker government can arrange a free and fair election", they said.

They suggested that a fair election could be held through mutual trust, respect and by strengthening the Election Commission. The measures for strengthening the Election Commission could also be discussed in the Parliament, they said.

Former Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Kazi Saleh Ahmed, Prof. M.S. Alimullah, Khan, Prof. Mafizuddin Ahmed, Prof. Mirza Mozammel Haq, Prof. Mirza Mofizuddin Ahmed, Dr. Nasim Akhtar Hossain, Prof. Abu Taher Majumdar, Prof. Ataur Rahman Khan, Dr. Tarek Shamsur Rahman, Mr. Lutful Hye Zaini and Mr. Abdul Mannan were, among others, who signed the statement.