



DATA rejects allegation of polls rigging

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Teachers of Dhaka University on Tuesday rejected all the allegation of rigging and partiality in the DUCSU polls and termed them baseless, motivated, false and imaginary.

Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) at a Press conference at the University Club claimed that the DUCSU and hall union polls were held in an atmosphere of unprecedented peace where the teachers, students, officers and employees worked cordially for maintaining a congenial academic environment on the campus.

DUTA alleged that after the announcement of the results, a particular student organisation began to make baseless comments against the teachers of the university. It further said that the JCD members were threatening the teachers. DUTA said after holding a peaceful election on February 8, the post-election violence tarnished the image of the university.

The DUTA leaders strongly condemned the role of the police during the violence moves of the armed youths and attack on the female

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students and said that police mysteriously remained silent. The teachers called upon the law enforcing agency members to work cordially for maintaining peace on the campus.

Statement regretted

The university teachers regretted the statement of BNP Chief Begum Khaleda Zia alleging rigging in the election. The university teachers said that it was unexpected from a national leader. They called upon Begum Zia to withdraw her remarks against the teachers through Press statement.

Narrating the whole episode of post-DUCSU polls violence on the campus DUTA condemned the attack on the victory procession of female students. The teachers termed the attack as a barbaric one and demanded exemplary punishment to the persons responsible for it.

DUTA also said that the armed youths in the name of students also attacked Rokeya and Mohsin Hall. It said that the Mohsin Hall provost was shot at. DUTA demanded total elimination of terrorism from the campus.

DUTA reiterated its firm determination to resist all vested moves against the teachers. It also protested the government move to amend the 1973 ordinance of the university.

Earlier in the morning the teachers brought out a silent procession from the foot of the Aparajeya Bangla. The procession after parading the campus dispersed at the Central Shahid Minar.

The Press conference was addressed by Dr. Mohsinuzzaman and Dr. Abdul Mannan, the President and General Secretary respectively of DUTA.

DU Officers Assoc

Dhaka University Officers Association in a statement to the press on Tuesday condemned the allegation of rigging in the DUCSU election and claimed that the University officers performed their duties impartially. They termed the allegation false, baseless and imaginary. They called upon all concerned to show tolerance in maintaining peace on the campus.