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DU VC urges cooperation for campus peace

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Prof M Moniruzzaman Mia, Vice-Chancellor, Dhaka University, in a press statement on Thursday appealed to all concerned to lend all-out cooperation to restore normal academic atmosphere in the university as it reopens tomorrow (Saturday).

The university was closed on February 25 due to terrorism that led to the killing of Shahidul Islam Chunnu, Vice-President

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dent, Sergeant Zahurul Huq Hall, Students Union.

Prof Moniruzzaman Mia who was appointed Vice-Chancellor following the resignation of his predecessor Prof Abdul Mannan, following the incident said only a handful of mis-

guided youths were connected with terrorism, and they should not be allowed to take any political cover.

Urging the political parties not to give such elements shelter the Vice-Chancellor also called upon all student organisations and unions to resist terrorism.

The DU VC urged the law-enforcing agencies not to show any laxity and take appropriate steps to stop the carrying and use of arms in the campus. Security in the campus now to a great extent depended on the law-enforcing agencies, he said.

The Vice-Chancellor also demanded arrest and trial of those who were connected with all killings in Dhaka University campus including that of Shahidul Islam Chunnu.

Reminding all that disruption of academic activities would push "all of us backward collectively", Prof Moniruzzaman Mia urged all students, teachers, guardians, the government, political parties, members of the intelligentsia, professional organisations and the people to come to a consensus and restore the lost glory of Dhaka University.

He urged all to create a strong public opinion against terrorism so that there was no more killing in the campus.

He said immediately after being appointed the Vice-Chancellor, two tasks appeared to him to be of prime importance — a) reopening of the university, and b) reviving of the University Senate.