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DU observes mourning day

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Dhaka University observed 'mourning day' on Thursday to commemorate the deaths of 39 students, guests and employees in the tragic accident at Jagannath Hall in 1985.

They were killed when the roof collapsed while they were watching a TV drama serial 'Shuktara' in the auditorium.

Dhaka University authorities and different student organisations chalked out elaborate programmes to observe the day.

All classes, examinations and other official activities were suspended and the national flag flew at half-mast atop all residential halls, academic and administrative building of the University on the day.

Teachers and students and employees brought out a silent mourning procession wearing black badges from the foot of Aparajeo Bangla at 6.30 a.m. and placed wreath at the monument at Jagannath Hall.

Special prayers by the Hindu, Buddhists and Christians were held at the hall compound from 8 a.m to 11 a.m.

Among the student organisations, Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I), Gonatantrik Chhatra Oikya, Chhatra Union, Chhatra League (JSD-Inu), Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Bangladesh Chhatra Dal (Obaed), and Chhatra League (Mantoo) placed wreaths at the monument in the morning.

Jagannath Hall Students' Union arranged a blood donation programme at 11.30 a.m. and a discussion meeting at the hall premises which followed by a musical soiree.

After the Asr prayer a special prayer was offered at the University Central Mosque.