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## **DU observes mourning day**

Dhaka University observed "Mourning Day" on Thursday to commemorate the death of several people in a tragic accident at Jagannath Hall in 1985, reports UNB.

On the day seven years ago, 39 students, employees and guests were killed and over one hundred injured when the roof of the hall caved on them while they were enjoying TV drama serial "Suktara" in its auditorium.

To observe the day, DU authorities chalked out an elaborate programme, which included hoisting of black flags atop all residential halls and main buildings of the university early in the morning.

A joint procession of teachers, students and employees led by Pro-VC Dr Wakil Ahmed placed wreath at the monument built in memory of the victims at the hall premises.

The procession was brought out from the foot of Aparajeyo Bangla at 6.30 am. The processionists wore black badges and expressed deep sympathy to the bereaved families.

Different student and cultural bodies including Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikyo (GCO), pro-Chhatra League (ML), JSD (Inu)-backed Chhatra League (B-K), Wrishtil Shilpa Gosthi and various Hall Students Unions placed wreaths separately at the monument.

A three-hour special prayer was held at the hall premises by the Hindus, Buddhists and Christians at the hall compound at 8 am.

Jagannath Hall Student's Union organised a blood donation programme at 11.30 am and held a discussion at hall premises.

The discussion chaired by hall Provost Sree Jagadish Chandra Sukladas, was addressed among others, by chief guest Pro-VC Dr Wakil Ahmed, Prof Ranglal Sen, Dr Poreshe Chandra Mondal, Sree Neeerajan Adhikari, DU Officers Union President Mohammad Selim and Hall Union VP Subash Roy.

A day-long exhibition of oil painting on the victims and their belongings was also held at the hall.