

Unruly students ransack DU teachers' offices

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Some agitated students of Dhaka University staged violent demonstration and ransacked over 30 rooms including office and chambers of the teachers at the Arts building on Saturday noon, in protest against the expulsion of a student.

Five persons including two police officers received mild injury during the agitation. Police fired over 10 rounds of teargas shells to bring the situation under control.

The protesters at a rally announced a day long student strike today (Sunday) demanding withdrawal of the expulsion order of Ansar Ali.

The students formed a "committee for protecting the rights of the general students" to stop what they termed arbitrary action of the teachers.

On June 28, the University Syndicate cancelled the Honours Degree of Ansar Ali and expelled him for assaulting a teacher of Physics Department.

They submitted a memorandum to the Vice-Chancellor Prof. M. Moniruzzaman Mia in support of their demands.

The protesters assembled at the Arts Building gate at about 11:30

a.m. and brought out a procession which entered the Arts Building after parading the campus. They became violent and damaged teachers' lounge.

Police rushed to the spot but faced stiff resistance from the students. The violent students attacked the police injuring two policemen. Police chased the students and fired teargas shells. The students also exchanged brickbats with police. At one stage, police took up position in front of the Madhu's Canteen and the protesters went on rampage again damaging the Dean's offices of the Arts and Social Science Faculty. They ransacked the chambers of the teachers of different departments. The protesters held a brief rally at the Arts Building gate which was addressed by Mustafa and Rafiq. They urged the students to observe strike today (Sunday) and join the protest rally at the foot of Aprajeyo Bangla on June 29.

DU TA protests

The Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) in a general meeting on Saturday strongly condemned what it termed the atrocities of the associates of Ansar Ali and

demanded punishment of those responsible for the incident.

The meeting with DUTA President Dr. S.M.A. Faez in the chair, said the unruly youths ransacked the chambers of the teachers and rebuked some teachers in filthy language.

DUTA will hold a general meeting today (Sunday) to discuss the issue.