

DU teachers slate DUTA leaders' statement

By Our DU Correspondent

122 teachers of Dhaka University in a joint statement to the press on Saturday condemned and expressed their deep concern over a statement made by Prof. Sahadat Ali and Dr. Arefin Siddique, President and General Secretary respectively of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA), criticising the recent speech made by Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at the grand rally of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at Shapla Chattar.

They said that the statement made by DUTA leaders were not based on Dhaka University teacher community's opinion.

They termed the statement as an exploitation by DUTA

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leaders for their narrow party interest.

The teachers said that the statement arose question among the countrymen about the impartiality and responsibility of the DUTA leaders.

The signatories to the statement among others are Prof. Eyajuddin Ahmed Soil Science Department and members of the University Syndicate, Prof. Anwarullah Chowdhury, of Anthropology Department and Member of the Syndicate, Prof. Abul Kalam of International Relations Department, Dr. Yousuf Haider of Physics and an executive committee member of the DUTA, Dr. Zinnatunnisa Tahmena Begum, Botanical Department, Prof. Mosleuddin Ahmed of Public Administration Department and Dr. Ershadul Bari Dean of Faculty of Law.

JCD

Leaders of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at a rally on Saturday strongly criticised Prof. Shahadat Ali and Arefin Siddique, President and General Secretary of Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) for their statement against the speeches of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia at Shapla Chattar crossing.

JCD leaders said that DUTA under patronisation of Awami League making misleading statements against the Prime Minister.

They (JCD leaders) urged the teachers to refrain from making such misleading statements.

JCD leaders said that the Prime Minister urged all JCD leaders and workers to build up resistance against those who were hatching conspiracy against democracy, at the grand rally of JCD at Shapla Chattar crossing on November 28.