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Political impasse should be resolved without breaking laws: DU VC

Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. Emajuddin Ahmed Friday said the present political impasse should be resolved politically without breaking the laws of the country, reports UNB.

"We cannot tolerate each other, it seems," he said, adding that lack of tolerance among politicians were mainly to be blamed for the prevailing crisis.

The VC, presided over a seminar on "Political crisis and the role of journalists" at the Dhaka University TSC auditorium, called upon the journalists to project truth and maintain objectivity in their reports.

Prof Emajuddin emphasised on the positive role of mediamen in helping to solve the political crisis.

Eminent journalist ABM Musa presented the key-note paper at the seminar, organised on the occasion of the 10th founding anniversary of Dhaka University Journalists Association (DUJA).

In the key-note paper, Musa said every journalist is now more or less "committed" to certain viewpoints. So, they cannot play any meaningful role in solving the political impasse.

In this matter, he observed, the politicians also do not seem to want any role of the journalists.

Prof. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury, Bangladesh Times Editor Mahbub Anam, Jatiya Press Club president Reazuddin Ahmed, Banglabazar Patrika Editor Matfur Rahman Chowdhury and Dr Ahaduzzaman Mohammad Ali of the DU Mass Communication and Journalism Department participated in the discussion.

Prof. Sirajul Islam Chowdhury said people should not be the victims of the crises created by the politicians. But, in fact, it was the innocent ordinary people who had to bear the brunt of various social problems like the killing of Yasmin by police in Dinajpur, and the crises of fertilizer and newsprint.

Reazuddin Ahmed said the whole nation, even journalists and other professionals, are now divided into many groups. They should be united as they

were in 1952, 1969, 1971 and 1990 for the success of the people's democratic aspirations, he added.

Mahbub Anam said the political crisis should be resolved without hampering the normal life, particularly production and development activities.

Earlier, in the morning the Vice-Chancellor formally inaugurated the day-long programmes marking the DUJA founding anniversary.

Former DUJA president and convenor of the festival preparatory committee Moazzem Hossain delivered the welcome speech at the inaugural session, chaired by DUJA president Sagir Ahmed.

At a session in the afternoon, former Dhaka University correspondents of different national newspapers and news agencies recalled their experiences as working journalist at the campus.

Former Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Abdul Mannan presided over the session which was followed by a cultural function.