

DU students front observe 1-yr of Aug 21 incident

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Bringing out separate rallies and staging demonstrations in the campus, different students' organisations of Dhaka University (DU) on Wednesday observed the one-year of repression on the teacher-student centre by the law enforcement agencies that occurred on August 20 last year.

They demanded the immediate withdrawal of all cases, including case no- 51 (8), filed against the teachers and students in connection with the last year's incident. On August 20 last year, violent students' protest broke out on the DU campus following an assault on a student by some army personnel at the university central playground. Police arrested four teachers and 11 students of the university and inhuman torture was pressed on them in jail.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the students' wing of AL, brought out a silent rally on the campus in protest against the incident. Hundreds of leaders and activists wearing black ribbon around their mouths brought out the rally at about 12.30pm. The rally paraded different streets followed by a demonstration in front of Arts Building.

The BCL demanded the immediate withdrawal of all false cases filed against the teachers and students in connection with the incident. At the same, they demanded permanent release of AL president Sheikh Hasina. BCL president Mahmud Hasan Rajon, its general secretary Mahfuzul Haider Chowdhury Roton, BCL DU unit president Sohel Rana Tipu and general secretary Sazzad Saqib Badsha took part at the rally.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the students' front of BNP, brought out a separate procession raising black flags protesting the repression on teacher and students, last August 20. They brought out the rally from Madhu's canteen at about 12.00pm that paraded the campus. Later, they held a demonstration at the foot of Aparajeya Bangla. JCD president Azizul Bari Helal and general secretary Shafiqul Bari Babu, JCD DU unit president Hasan Mamun and general secretary Saiful Islam Firoz were present at the rally.

The JCD demanded withdrawal of all cases filed against the teachers and students in connection with the August last year incident. They also demanded immediate and unconditional release of BNP chairperson Begum Khaleda Zia and her son Tarique Rahman.

Left leaning student organisations -- Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) and Shamajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) -- also observed the historic tragic day (August 20) by bringing out a rally on the campus.