

DU teachers wear black badge to demand lifting of emergency

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A large number of Dhaka University (DU) teachers yesterday wore black ribbons to classes and examination halls demanding immediate withdrawal of the state of emergency.

Teachers of the pro-Awami League Blue Panel and pro-BNP-Jamaat White Panel were seen wearing black ribbons at classes in Arts building and Business Studies faculty and other institutions of the university.

Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) on April 13 decided on this protest programme during a general meeting held at the association's club.

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Talking to The Daily Star a teacher said, "As the state of emergency is an obstruction to holding elections to different democratic bodies in the country, we want its immediate withdrawal so that democratic activities of different democratic bodies could be restored by holding their elections."

Duta President Prof Sadrul Amin said the programme was successful. He said, "The teachers' community does not want the state of emergency any more as it interferes with the democratic functioning of different bodies in the country."

Duta General Secretary Prof Anwar Hossain said teachers of the university participated in the programme spontaneously and the decision to protest this way was made unanimously at the Duta general meeting.

"Even though it is a symbolic protest against the state of emergency, we think the government will not consider this a teachers' demand only. Today, the withdrawal of state of emergency has become the demand of all," he said yesterday.

"Due to the state of emergency, the basic rights of people are being violated," Prof Anwar said.