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Ultimatum to free detainees

DU students' agitation plan from tomorrow

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The demand for immediate unconditional release of the detained teachers and students of Dhaka University (DU) is gaining ground on the university campus, as well as among the people of the country. The fulfilment of the demand will help avert any untoward incidents like the August 20-22 student violence, many observed.

The students of DU vowed to continue their boycott of classes and exams and begin siege programme on the campus from tomorrow (Sunday) if the detainees were not freed by today (Saturday).

They said that if the detained teachers and students were not freed in time the situation would deteriorate. They pledged to continue their agitation programme until they were released. Earlier, they gave the government a two-day ultimatum to free the teachers and students that ends today (Saturday).

A section of agitating students under the twin banners 'Students against repression' and 'Chhatra Bandhu' led by left leaning students' organisations, continued their agitation programmes on the DU campus.

The agitation programme began through wearing 'black' (See Page 15 Col. 3)

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'badges' and 'sit-in-demonstration' programmes by the teachers from the first day of opening of the university after vacation on January 8. A number of senior teachers led the agitation programme and expressed their solidarity with the students.

A large 'human chain' was formed on the campus on Thursday demanding immediate unconditional release of the detained teachers and students. Different student organization including JSD backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU), Chhatra Front, Chhatra Maitree, Chhatra Federation and progressive student organisations took part in the human chain programme.

The leaders and activists who led the agitation programme are Golam Kibria Shahin, DU unit General Secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Ariful Islam, DU unit President of Chhatra Federation, Mehedi and Mitu, DU unit Publication Secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra Union and Bappa Datta Bashu, DU unit President of Chhatra Maitree.