

Teachers, students demand release of bloggers

MKA criticised for appreciating Hefajat rally

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SOME Dhaka University teachers and students and cultural activists on Sunday continued with their protests demanding an unconditional release of the all bloggers, including DU student Subrata Adhikari Shubha.

They alleged that the prime minister, Sheikh Hasina, arrested the bloggers 'in line with the compromise she made with the Islamist group Hefajat-e-Islam.'

DU teachers and students organised held the protests at Raju Memorial in

Dhaka University on Sunday evening.

The Detective Branch arrested bloggers Moshir Rahman Biplob, Russell Parvez and Subrata Adhikari Shubho between late Monday night and early Tuesday and Asif Mohiuddin on Wednesday.

They also criticised the home minister, Muhiuddin Khan Alamgir, for his thanking Hefajat 'for holding its rally peacefully.'

Speakers at the protests said that it was unfortunate that although the Hefajat rally had made 'derogatory' comments about the prime minister, attacked jour-

nalists and the Shahbagh protest venue, the home minister thanked Hefajat people for their 'peaceful' programme.

Kaberi Gayen, teacher of mass communication and journalism in Dhaka University, said that the people who led sectarian frenzy in different areas of the country and attacked law enforcers were yet to be brought to justice but the government started arresting bloggers.

The university's Jagannath Hall provost Ajoy Kumar Das said that the government seems to have compromised with Hefajat not thinking about the free-

dom of expression.

Anthropology teacher Jobaida Nasreen condemned the role of the university administration as the university student was picked up at night.

They also vowed to go for tougher movement if their demand was not immediately met.

Dhaka University Bangla teacher Rafiqullah Khan and Institute of Education and Research teacher Masuduzzaman, former Rajshahi University Central Students' Union vice-president Ragib Ahsan Munna, actress Rokeya Prachi, also addressed the rally.