



Shahid terms DU incident a conspiracy to ban student politics

Demanding resignation of the Dhaka University Vice Chancellor, Opposition Chief Whip Abdus Shahid on Monday slammed the government for creating an anarchic situation in the country's educational institutions, says UNB.

"The police atrocities in Dhaka University's Shamsunnahar Hall has surpassed all records. It's a conspiracy to ban student politics," he told newsmen at a news conference at Jatiya Sangsad.

About Awami League's parliament joining, he said, "it's their (government) responsibility to make parliament effective and they have to take the opposition into account to do so.

Accusing BNP of making delay in forming standing committees, he said the government has shelved the matter because it could not yet take any decision on the much-speculated cabinet reshuffle.

Replying to queries, Abdus Shahid said they would send the names of committee members after getting response from the ruling party about their proposal to make chairmen of the committees proportionately.

He said the alliance government earlier had decided to form the committees in the last budget season, but they did not. "Passage of bills before forming standing committees is contrary to norms of parliament."

The Opposition Chief Whip also blasted the Speaker for not allowing private TV channels to cover parliament proceedings.

Abdus Shahid also demanded immediate release of arrested Awami League MP Col (retd) Shawkat Ali and said the rights of a parliamentarian is being denied by rejecting his bail prayer.

Former Minister Talukder Abdul Khalek MP, Col (retd) Farooque Khan MP, Mirza Azam MP and Atiur Rahman Atik MP were present at the Press conference.

Later, the Opposition Chief Whip came out of the Parliament building to talk to the waiting journalists of electronic media.

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