



Police attack on newsmen at DU protested

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Leaders of the Journalist community have lodged their strong protest against the violent attacks on the journalists by the police and the cadres of Chhatra Dal on the university campus.

In a joint statement on Monday President of the Bangladesh Federal Union of Journalists (BFUJ) Iqbal Sobhan Chowdhury, and Secretary General Akhter Ahmed Khan and President of Dhaka Union of Journalists (DUJ) Kazi Rafik and General Secretary Molla Jalal said that at least six working journalists of the national dailies were the victims of police atrocities when they were covering the news of the demonstrations of the teachers and students of the Dhaka University. When the members of the law enforcing agency intercepted the peaceful procession of the teachers and students, at one stage they resorted to lathi charge on the journalists. As a result, Sahabul Haque Sahab of the Daily Ittefaq, Nurunnabi of the Financial Express, Khademul Islam Rhyday of the Independent, Rohanul Haque Samrat of the Pratham Alo, Zahedul Haque of the Daily Star and Deepak Acharja of the Dainik Pravart were the victims of the assault. Besides, the police on duty also threatened to kill Rafiqur Rahman, a photo journalist of Reuters in Dhaka.

The journalists leaders demanded to immediately bring to book those responsible for such atrocities.

The union leaders will hold a protest meeting on July 31 (Wednesday) at 11 a.m. at the National Press Club.