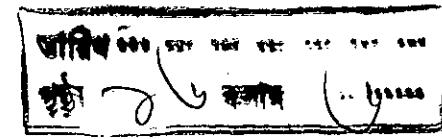


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Discussion on SN Hall raid Forge unity without waiting for political directives

If hurt, the masses don't wait for political directive rather rise in a revolt, some civil-society leaders said pointing their fingers at the current agitation by Dhaka University students, reports UNB.

Quoting from political science, they also theorized the current trend of taking the law into their own hand by old Dhakaites as an evolving alternative mechanism when a government "failed".

Speaking at a function, the leaders correlated coming visit of Pakistan President General Pervez Musharraf and alliance government's bid to what they said make Bangladesh into a 'Taleban-state' with re-functioning of an intelligence outfit following the presidential trip.

In a brainstorming session on tasks on their part against the backdrop of present situation, they emphasized building unity, without waiting for politicians.

Ghatak Dalal Nirmul Committee arranged the discussion at WVA auditorium to commemorate sacrifices of five youths while building resistance against "war criminal Golam Azam" in 1994 in Chittagong.

Country's leading poet Shamsher Raahman told the meeting that earlier he had said the nation was passing through the dark fortnight, but nowadays it got even darker affecting the Dhaka University.

"I have some works on linguistics, but I don't have the language to protest what happened to my sisters and daughters at Shamsunnahar Hall," he said.

The elderly poet blasted against the DU Vice Chancellor for what he said his (VC) entertaining outsider JCD female activists while assigning police to pull scarf of girls of whom the VC is the guardian.

He lamented when in a civilized country the writers remain at table, in Bangladesh the creative people have to stay on the street or at Shaheed Minar to stage protests as bad incidents happen one after another.

Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir who said the civil society should take forward a movement when the political parties failed to harmonize the voices of "repressed people".

He laid emphasis on synchronizing political parties and civil society. "Political parties want power and we want to live. The two dynamism should be correlated for the sake of democracy."

Also among participants in the discussion were Justice KM Sobhan, Prof Harunur Rashid and journalists Wahidul Haq, Abed Khan and Harun Habib and Kazi Mukul with Shahriar Kabir in the chair.