

DU VIOLENCE Punishment to perpetrators demanded

DU CORRESPONDENT

The Pragatisheel Chhatra Jote (PCJ), an alliance of left leaning student organisations, yesterday staged a demonstration at Dhaka University (DU) demanding exemplary punishment to those responsible for creating violence on the campus on Sunday.

At least eight people, including three activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), were injured following a clash between its two factions on the campus on Sunday.

Several hundred PCJ leaders and activists brought out a procession from Madhu's Canteen at around 12:00pm that paraded different streets on the campus and hold a rally in front of the collection centre of the Dhaka University Central Student Union to press home their demands.

Expressing concern over the Sunday's violence, the PCJ leaders said the university authorities were indifferent to the problem when hundreds of general students fell victim to the trouble and ran helter-skelter to save their life.

They demanded a congenial atmosphere on the campus and condemned the attack on DU Prothom Alo Correspondent Anu Anwar by the JCD activists and Dainik Dinkal DU Correspondent Jahidur Araman by the BCL activists while they were on their professional duty.

Anu was beaten by a group of JCD activists in front of Kabi Jasim Uddin Hall at the early hours on Sunday while Arman was injured during the factional clash of BCL.

Later, PCJ leaders met Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz at his office and urged him to take stern action against the people who were behind the violence on the campus.

Prof Faiz told the leaders that the university authorities formed an investigation committee in this regard and assured them of taking punitive action against the persons responsible for the chaos according to the probe committee report.

Bangladesh Chhatra Union General Secretary Mita Mahedi, Samajtrantik Chhatra Front President Hossain Ahmed and Bangladesh Chhatra Federation leader Preetom spoke at the rally.

Meanwhile, Dhaka University Journalists' Association (DUJA) took out a silent procession and held a rally demanding exemplary punishment to the persons responsible for the attack Anu and Arman.

DUJA submitted an application to the VC on Sunday in this regard.