

Call to maintain peaceful atmosphere in varsities

By Our JU Correspondent

Prof. A.F.M. Kamaluddin, Vice-Chancellor of the Jahangirnagar University has called for sincere cooperation of all quarters for the maintenance of peaceful academic atmosphere in the universities.

Talking to the university correspondents of different national dailies at his office on Sunday, the Vice-Chancellor said, it was impossible for the university authorities alone to fight anarchy which had assumed monstrous proportion and was damaging the image of the entire nation. He, however, said that the campus situation could not be isolated from the overall situation prevailing in the country, and urged all to come forward to fight anarchy and hooliganism out of the campus to ensure a happy future.

DU reopens amid tight security

By Our DU Correspondent

Classes of Dhaka University resumed on Sunday after a 73-day closure amid tight security measures and was marked by a joint silent procession and a protest procession.

The residential halls were reopened on September 22 and the examinations commenced on September 24 in peaceful atmosphere.

On the opening day, the attendance in the classes was thin. Many students were yet to return to their dormitories. The thinner attendance has been ascribed to eight-day vacation beginning from tomorrow (Tuesday). The University will reopen on October 7 after Puja and autumn vacation.

Classes remained suspended between 11 a.m. and 1-30 p.m. and offices remained closed since the teachers, students, officers and employees took part in the silent procession protesting campus violence and also to express solidarity with the disciplinary actions taken by the authorities.

The university was closed since die on July 15 following a series of bloody clashes between supporters of rival student organisations. Two students and one rickshaw driver were killed in those clashes. The university authorities later took disciplinary action against 17 students.

At about 10 a.m., there was some confusion over the sound of an "explosion". Students were seen running helter skelter. Later, it was found that a transformer had burst.

At about 11-30 a.m., teachers, students, officers and employees of the university led

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Fifteen student organisations of Dhaka University who are also members of DU Education Environment Council at a joint statement on Sunday condemned the "pre-planned unruly activities of a certain section" during the peaceful gathering and silent procession of the teachers, students and officials.

Terming the activities as an attempt to disrupt the D.U. authorities' effort to free the campus from arms and outsiders the statement also demanded exemplary punishment of the killers of late Wadud Halim, Asad Ahmed Munna and Abdur Rahim.

BSS adds: since January 1972, a total of 318 clashes had occurred between rival student groups in Dhaka University campus in which 132 persons including outsiders had been killed.

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by the Vice Chancellor assembled in front of Aparajeya Bangla to hold a rally to be followed by a silent procession. When the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Abdul Mannan, began his speech he was interrupted by demonstrators comprising some students and outsiders. The demonstrators demanded immediate withdrawal of the disciplinary action against the students and release of Sanaul Huq Niru, a leader of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.

The silent procession also witnessed temporary disruptions. The demonstrators cordoned the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Vice Chancellor and some senior teachers and forced them to participate in their "protest procession." A separate silent procession was brought out by the remaining participants. Both the processions paraded the campus in different routes and later dispersed.

At one stage, police rescued the Vice-Chancellor and his colleagues from the hands of the demonstrators and escorted them to the VC's office. Po-

tors. Heavy police guards were placed around the VC's office.

At about 1 p.m., the Vice-Chancellor addressed a gathering of teachers, students and employees in front of his office. He reiterated the determination of the university authorities to maintain law and order on the campus and normal functioning of the institution at any cost.

The Vice-Chancellor said that the incidents of mid-July maligned the image of the university and the recurrence of such incidents must be stopped.

He called upon all conscious and responsible sections of the

country to save the university by establishing rule of law on the campus to maintain a peaceful academic atmosphere.

Urging the students to obey the rules of residential halls the Vice-Chancellor said, "You have to build up resistance against any kind of terrorism." He said that Dhaka University was a national institution.

Prof. Mannan called upon the students to uphold the tradition of the university by facilitating themselves in acquiring proper knowledge and producing good results in the examinations.

Meanwhile, a university press release said that the members of the Dhaka University Education Environment Council who participated the silent procession, condemned the "activities and indecent behaviour of some unruly youths" on the campus on Sunday. Necessary steps would be taken against those found involved in the incident through an inquiry, it added.

INU'S STATEMENT

Mr. Hasanul Huq Inu, General Secretary of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD-Inu) at a statement on Sunday hailed the decisions of Dhaka University authorities to free the campus from armed outsiders and maintain conducive academic atmosphere.