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DU, other varsity students demand ban on ISKCON

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Students from Dhaka University and other universities across Bangladesh staged protests against the violent, extremist, and anti-national activities of ISKCON followers, urging the government to ban the foreign organization.

At Dhaka University, students held a march on campus Thursday at 11 pm, condemning ISKCON for alleged killings, abductions, death threats, and extremist acts nationwide. During the protest, participants chanted slogans including "ISKCON, you are a militant, a partner of tyranny," "Catch one ISKCON follower, hold it and send to jail," and "ISKCON and tyranny, one and the same."

Mahtap Islam, Dhaka University General Secretary of Chhatra Adhikar Parishad, highlighted the abduction and torture of Khatib Mohibullah in

Panchagarh by ISKCON members for speaking against militancy. He said, "India is still using ISKCON to create instability in Bangladesh. We strongly condemn these incidents and want to make it clear that just as we rejected dictatorship, we will also reject ISKCON from this country."

Sadman Abdullah, General Secretary of Salimullah Muslim Hall Students Union, accused ISKCON of being a militant organization involved in crimes including the rape of a 13-year-old girl in Gazipur, and demanded the group be immediately banned.

Dhaka College students also marched from the Central Mosque through Science Lab and Nilkhet, ending at the college main gate. Chants called for direct action against ISKCON. Student Jihad Hossain urged authorities to swiftly punish those

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responsible for recent kidnappings and murders, stressing that opposition to extremist and anti-state groups does not target any religion.

Students of Jessore University of Science and Technology (JUST) also held a protest march, declaring ISKCON banned from their campus. Jalish Mahmud, a student of the Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, said, "Despite Bangladesh being a Muslim-majority country, we are being deprived, humiliated, and oppressed in our own homeland."

The protests reflect growing student opposition to ISKCON's activities across Bangladesh, with repeated calls for the government to take legal action and formally ban the organization.



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‘Dhaka University Friends Alliance’ holds fifth mega reunion

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The alumni association of Dhaka University's 1995-96 batch, Dhaka University Friends Alliance (DUFA), successfully held its 5th Mega Reunion and Annual General Meeting (AGM) through various activities.

The reunion, held on Friday at the Dhaka University Student-Teacher Centre (TSC), began with the national anthem, hoisting of the national flag, release of pigeons, and the cutting of a cake, marking the opening of the event.

The ceremony was inaugurated by the chief guest, Dhaka University's Pro-Vice Chancellor (Administration) Professor Dr Sayema Haque Bidisha.

"Such events must be held every year to bring everyone together," she said.

Special guests at the event included Dhaka University

Proctor Professor Saifuddin Ahmed and Managing Director and CEO of Pubali Bank Mohammad Ali.

Other distinguished attendees were Deputy Press Secretary to the Chief Adviser Azad Ma-jumder, Satkhira District Commissioner Mustak Ahmed, ICT Division Joint Secretary Saiful Hassan, Deputy Secretary Arifuzzaman, DUFA founder President Advocate A K M Enayet Hossain, and Customs Additional Commissioner and DUFA founder General Secretary Dr Syed Nearul Islam.

Also present were CID Additional DIG Jahidul Islam, Sports Editor of Prothom Alo Tarek Mahmud, and Director of Rizvi Fashion Limited Fahmida Khatun.

After a long time apart, attendees greeted each other, exchanged pleasantries, reminisced about their student days, and shared past experiences.

Children enjoyed various rides and recreational activities at the event.

The day began with registration, reporting, and

breakfast at 9 am, followed by a grand rally. This was followed by the opening of the 5th Mega Reunion, speeches recalling memories, and recognition of the new generation.

The AGM took place in the afternoon, and after a break for Juma prayers and lunch, the cultural performances by the new generation began in the evening. The cultural programme was divided into two parts, with members also participating.

After the evening prayer break, a music show by guest artists was held.

According to DUFA members, such events will continue in the future, with a special emphasis on involving the new generation.

DUFA was officially established on December 2, 2016. The first reunion of Dhaka University's 1995-96 batch was held in 2017.

Times of Bangladesh was the media partner for the event.