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Assault on lecturer condemned

By Our Staff Reporter

NEW DELHI, February 19 — Hundreds of students, teachers and employees demonstrated in front of the Delhi University Vice-Chancellor's office here today demanding an inquiry into the beating up of Ramjas College lecturer Kalip Simeon.

In a remarkable show of solidarity and spontaneity the "elite" colleges rose above party affiliations and social status to join the protest against the alleged complicity of the principal of the college in the incident.

The largest number of students were from St. Stephens, followed

by Miranda House Ramjas and from Jawaharlal Nehru University Hindu with some representation also.

DUTA president Arun Bose, addressing a meeting in front of the VC's condemned the murderous assault on Mr. Simeon and said the university was suffering from this cancerous disease.

Mr Bose earlier met the vice-chancellor who said that he could not take any decision of the matter since he was yet to meet the Ramjas College Governing Body Chairman. The VC also said that the police are yet to complete their investigations.

The demonstrators later marched to Raj Niwas where Mr. Bose handed over a memorandum to Lt-Governor S. L. Khurana. The memorandum demanded institution of an inquiry by the CBI or Delhi Administration, filing a case of conspiracy with attempt to murder and the bringing the culprits to book.

Mr. Simeon was attacked on Tuesday near Kashmiri Gate by some persons in a white Ambassador car Mr. Simeon, who was then admitted to Hindu Rao hospital is now recuperating at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences

The police have identified some of the assailants and said that they may be linked to a senior staff member of the Ramjas College. However, most teachers and students of the Delhi University taking part in the demonstration today were vociferous in demanding the removal of the Ramjas College Principal Kartar Singh who is alleged to have instigated the beating up of Mr. Simeon.

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