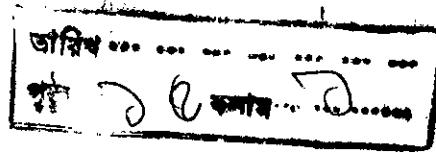


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## Syndicate meet today DU wants to resolve crisis thru' talks

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With no sign of ending student strike, the authorities of Dhaka University are still hopeful to resolve the crisis through dialogues with all concerned.

Talking to The Bangladesh Observer, a member of the liaison committee formed by the university Syndicate said the committee contacted the leaders of the striking Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and it felt that their stance was flexible.

"Top leaders of JCD are now busy filing of nomination papers for the October 1 general election from their parent organisation. So it'll take little more time to hold talks," the committee member said, preferring anonymity.

Against this backdrop, the DU Syndicate will once again sit at an urgent meeting today (Wednesday) and take decision "what it deems fit."

The university authorities on Monday again postponed all examinations scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday in their latest phase of the series of postponements.

JCD, the BNP's student wing, is now enforcing the second spell of its student strike for an indefinite time. Rumours run high on the campus that the university would not be opened before the country's upcoming parliamentary elections.

With the latest postponement, over 300 examinations of different departments and institute were deferred in the 27 days in two spells of strikes. Fresh dates for the exams will be announced in due time, the DU authorities said.

The JCD's non-stop strike forced an unscheduled vacation in the varsity. Most of the residents have left their dorms and gone home.

New session (2001-2002) of the university began on July 1. Out of 59 days since the beginning of the session, the university remained open only for 26 days.

The university suffered a total of 746 days of unscheduled vacation since 1982.

On the 11th day of the second spell of strike on Tuesday, JCD leaders and activists formed a human chain in front of the varsity's Arts Building demanding resignation of VC Prof. AK Azad Chowdhury.

Addressing a gathering there, JCD General Secretary Shahabuddin Laltu demanded the DU VC to resign immediately. Any conspiracy to sabotage the students' agitation would be resisted, he said.

JCD's arch-rival Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on Tuesday also demonstrated on the campus against the strike. BCL President Bahadur Bepari from the demonstration urged students to ensure victory of Awami League in the upcoming elections for the sake of maintaining stability in the educational arena.