



DU classes resume

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The classes of Dhaka University resumed on Monday as Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) withdrew its 15-day nonstop student strike earlier on Sunday.

Attendance in classes was not enough because most of the students could not learn about the withdrawal of the shutdown. Different dormitories of the university looked almost vacant as most of the resident students did not return on the day.

Examinations will resume on August 16 as per the previously announced schedule. Fresh schedule of the suspended exams will be announced soon, the authorities said.

JCD enforced the strike on July 29 demanding resignation of the DU Vice Chancellor, recovery of illegal arms, arrest of terrorists and rehabilitation of ousted JCD activists to their respective halls.

The JCD on Sunday called off the strike following the authorities' assurance of rehabilitating all their supporters ousted during the last five years. It also set August 19 as the deadline for the rehabilitation.

JCD dropped its main demand of the VC's resignation from its charter of demands at a negotiation held between the liaison committee of the university Syndicate and JCD. In response to JCD's demands, the authorities rehabilitated its activists in four dormitories.

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The authorities on Monday rehabilitated six more JCD activists at Shahidullah Hall.

Meanwhile, some agitating activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) ransacked the office of Prof AFM Yousuf Haider, provost of Surya Sen Hall on Monday protesting what it said "biased attitude".

They alleged that the provost barred entry of some guests at the hall unit BCL's National Mourning Day programme including the immediate past lawmaker from the Ramma-Tejgaon constituency Dr HBM Iqbal on Sunday night.

Both the JCD and BCL brought out processions and held rallies on the campus on the first day after the 15-day strike.

BCL has also arranged a blood donation programme to mark the National Mourning Day on the campus today (Tuesday). BCL will send an open letter today (Tuesday) to President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed demanding security measures to immediate past Prime Minister and BCL's statutory leader Sheikh Hasina.

On the other hand, JCD will submit a memorandum to the Home Affairs Adviser of the Caretaker Government demanding recovery of illegal arms and arrest of terrorists from DU dormitories.