

DU to frame code of conduct for student bodies

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A schedule meeting of the Dhaka University *Paribesh Parishad*, a combined body of the student organisations and the university authorities, was adjourned on Saturday without any resolution taken on the campus situation.

Three student organisations including Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) walked out from the meeting, protesting the authorities' "biased attitude" towards Chhatra League. Six other student bodies did not join the talks.

The DU authorities called the meeting to work out a workable formula for peaceful coexistence in the university dormitories. Earlier, another meeting of the *Paribesh Parishad* could not be held due to reluctance of the organisations.

JCD leaders blamed the authorities for having under-hand dealing with Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leaders and bowing down to its pressure. "We're ready to sacrifice for the sake of the general students but it seems that the authorities do not want

any settlement," JCD general secretary Shahabuddin Laltu said.

JCD DU unit president Monir Hossain said that they were prepared to call off the strike from today (Sunday) if all their supporters and genuine students were rehabilitated in the halls. "But the authorities betrayed with us," he added.

However, Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury told the university correspondents that the meeting made certain progress and that there was chance of holding examination from August 16.

"The gap between the student bodies and the authorities narrowed down," the VC said and expressed his hope that after another meeting the stalemate would be over.

The VC said a code of conduct on the activities of the student organisations would be formulated. "The student leaders in principle agreed to such a proposal," he told a questioner. He hoped that they would prepare the code

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of conduct in the next meeting of the *Parishad*.

Annoyed with the strike by their rivals, the BCL leaders said there was no need of holding such meeting, which rather legitimised the calling of strike.

Left-leaning student organisations, which boycotted the meeting, alleged that it (meeting) was nothing but an understanding between BCL and JCD for sharing the halls.

Meanwhile, a good number of students came to the campus on Saturday after JCD relaxed the strike. The university's central library remained open. But no classes were held.

JCD activists, encouraged by rehabilitation of their supporters in the halls, brought out a large procession on the campus.