

Resentment against student bodies for calling strike at DU

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The common students of Dhaka University expressed their resentments against the student organisations for calling non-stop shut-down that led to the current stalemate.

Examinations of about 115 papers of 46 departments and institutes, scheduled to be held between July 29 and August 9, have been postponed due to the strike. More than ten thousand examinees were supposed to sit for the examinations of second year final and masters final.

According to the authorities the students would suffer at least six-month session jam for postponing

the examination of only one paper alone.

A final year student of business studies, who is working at a private firm as an apprentice, said, "I would join the firm as an executive on August 6 if my exams were over on the previous day".

"Both the authorities and the student bodies should realise that we, the common students, are suffering very much due to this stalemate," the angry student said and added, "even the present neutral government seems reluctant to settle the campus issue." "The crisis must be settled at any cost."

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the earliest time," he said. BNP's student wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) enforced the strike since July 29 to press home its five-point demand. JCD dropped the demands at its meeting with the authorities on August 4 with a new demand for a massive search in five dormitories of the northern area of the campus to rehabilitate their supporters. If the new demand is met JCD would call off the strike, the leaders told a meeting.

In its latest move the university authorities are going to hold another round of talks with student leaders to resolve the ongoing crisis on the campus after several rounds of meetings with most of the student organisations failed, sources said.

The authorities now feel that the views of the student bodies should be accommodated and a fruitful outcome could be achieved through meaningful talks.

Talking to The Bangladesh Observer an influential teacher said that the views of student bodies were conflicting and the authorities would again set with the student bodies individually.

The eight-member committee assigned by the university Syndicate to hold negotiation with the student organisations is now inviting the student organisations to the next talks.

After the talks the committee will submit its report to the Syndicate. However, the Syndicate will sit in its regular meeting today (Wednesday) evening. But the officials could not confirm whether the campus issue was included in the agenda or not.

Left-wing student organisations at a meeting with the committee on Monday clearly opposed the JCD proposal, terming it a conspiracy to share the halls between the two major student organisations - JCD and BCL.

The pro-Awami League Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) also opposed the JCD's latest demand.

Other left leaning organisations said they join peace process signed to divide the JCD and BCL.

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