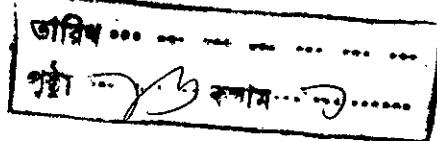


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DU opens, attendance thin

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After 70 days of unscheduled closure, the academic activities of Dhaka University resumed on Wednesday with a thin attendance of the students in the classrooms.

Classes of many departments could not be held as most of the students failed to come to the campus because of unavailability of transports. The authorities did not allow to ply the university transport on Wednesday due to the road blockade programme of Awami League.

All university offices and libraries remained open. Presence of students in the university Central Library was very low.

Moving through the corridors of the Arts Building this correspondent found the classrooms were vacant at the peak-hour.

The university's academic activities were disrupted since July 29 after JCD, the student wing of BNP, enforced the nonstop shutdown. On Saturday JCD called off the strike after its parent organisation's BNP's landslide victory in the October 1 polls.

Different student organisations brought out processions on the campus to draw attention of the common students.

JCD brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus to observe the Jihad Day. Left-leaning Samajtantrik Chhatra Front and Biplobi Chhatra Moitree demonstrated on the campus protesting the Anglo-American attack on the innocent Afghan citizens.

The university Syndicate on the eve of reopening of the university urged all student organisations to restore congenial academic atmosphere on the campus for peaceful coexistence of all student bodies.

Earlier, the Syndicate decided that examinations of the departments where examinations of one subject was suspended would be held from October 20.