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JCD calls off strike

Student leaders, VC sign 8-pt accord

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Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of BNP called off its strike in Dhaka University from today (Wednesday) following a solution to the crisis arising out of the capturing of Suryasen Hall by rival Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P).

Leaders of BCL, JCD Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) at a meeting on Tuesday with Vice-Chancellor Prof. A.K. Azad Chowdhury in the chair signed 7-point Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in solving the six-day long stalemate.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal members enforced an indefinite strike in Dhaka University from Sunday and a full-day student strike in the educational institutions all over the country demanding removal of the occupants from the Suryasen Hall.

According to the MOU, the university authorities will ask the stu-

dents to vacate Suryasen Hall for 24-hour beginning from 10 a.m. today (Wednesday) with a view to remove outsiders and non-residents from the hall. Only the resident students of the hall would be allowed to enter the hall at 10 a.m. on Thursday after checking their identity cards by the hall authorities in presence of the Vice-Chancellor, Proctor, central and DU unit President and General Secretary of different student organisations. The university authorities would launch same drive at all the residential halls from August 10 to reinstate the displaced students.

The students would be given directive to vacate their respective halls for few hours and later the residential students would be allowed to enter their halls after checking their

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The JCD leaders brought out a procession and held a rally on Dhaka University campus in support of their demand.

The rally held at Aparajeyo Bangla was addressed, among others, by JCD President Shahiduddin Chowdhury Ani, General Secretary Habib-un-Nabi Sohel, Nasiruddin Pintu, Shahabuddin Laltu, Monwar Hossain Rana, Nasiruddin Washim and Selimuzzaman Selim.

Exams postponed

Meanwhile, the examinations of Dhaka University scheduled to be held from July 31 to August 2 have been postponed.

The dates of the postponed examinations will be announced later, says a DU Press release.

DU Syndicate meeting held

An emergency meeting of Dhaka University Syndicate was held on Tuesday with Vice-Chancellor Prof. A.K. Azad Chowdhury in the chair.

At the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor apprised the Syndicate members about signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) among the leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P), Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) to solve the crisis of the university. He also apprised them about the incident of Suryasen Hall and the indefinite strike programmes of JCD in the university.

The Syndicate meeting thanked the Vice-Chancellor for his success in signing the MOU which needed for restoring peaceful academic atmosphere in the university, says a Press release.

Earlier, a meeting of the Provost Standing Committee of the university was also held at the residential office of the Vice-Chancellor. The V-C presided over the meeting.

Student leader

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identity cards by hall authorities in presence of VC, Proctor, leaders of different student bodies and police.

According to the Memorandum of Understanding, 20 activists of JCD who are resident students of different Chhatra League (S-P) dominated halls will be permitted to stay at Suryasen hall. The JCD members gave a list of 20 activists to the university authorities who are allegedly driven out from their halls.

During the enforcement of the process, no outsiders would be allowed to stay on the university campus.

The MOU was signed by Enamul Haq Shamim, Ishaq Ali Khan Panna, Bahadur Bepary and Abdul Wadud Khokon from BCL, Shahiduddin Chowdhury Ani, Habib-un-Nabi Sohel from JCD and Hasan Hafizur Rahman Sohel, Dipankar, Shaha Dipu, and Karim Shikder from GCO, Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. A.K. Azad Chowdhury and Proctor Dr. A.K.M. Nur-un-Nabi also signed the Memorandum of Understanding.

It may be mentioned that this sort of initiative had been taken by former Vice-Chancellor Prof. Shahiduddin Ahmed to free the campus from terrorists and outsiders but the efforts were in vain.

The leaders of different student organisations sat in the meeting at the VC's residential office at 2.30

PM till 5.30 PM. The meeting was presided over by the Vice-Chancellor.

The body and address of the meeting was not mentioned.