



No decision yet on DU reopening

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Despite growing demands for immediate reopening of Dhaka University, the authorities are yet to decide any schedule for resuming academic activities.

All the student organisations and the teachers have already demanded immediate resumption of classes.

But the authorities from all the meetings of different executive bodies saying they would reopen the university after creating a congenial academic atmosphere.

According to sources, many hall provosts are reluctant to open the halls before formation of the central committee of the ruling party's student wing fearing intra-

party factional clash.

Capture and counter-capture of the dormitories in the previous days made the provosts apprehensive of further anarchy. To meet the possible crisis, they are considering thorough scrutiny of the seat allotments before opening the university.

The rest six demands of the 7-point charter of the agitating students are yet to be implemented and the authorities are trying to meet at least one demand of withdrawing the cases before resumption of academic activities.

Sources said, the university administration has already talked

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to the Home Ministry about the withdrawal of the cases.

The judicial inquiry commission on Wednesday interviewed three senior police officials, four hall staff and two house tutors.

The Inspector General of Police Modabbir Hossain Chowdhury, Additional Commissioner of Dhaka Metropolitan Police M Zahirul Huq and DC South of DMP M Akbar Ali gave their statements before the commission. The officials refused to make any comment.

The probe body formed by university Syndicate will interview the concerned persons with the July 23 incidents and the aftermath. The persons have already been asked to appear before the commission, sources said.

Talking to The Bangladesh Observer, the probe-body chief and university Treasurer Prof Syed Rashidul Hasan said the committee would seek more time to submit reports.

"Nobody likes the deserted campus and the classes should resume as early as possible," when asked about the time frame for reopening the university.

Meanwhile, 15 students who participated in the demonstrations in a statement demanded immediate opening of the halls.

"The Judicial Commission and the university's probe-body have already begun their activities and it's tough for the students who are staying outside Dhaka to give their witness before the commission due to university closure," the students said.

There would be an obscurity in the commission or probe-body's report if the students were deprived of giving their accounts, they added.

They also pointed to the threats by vested quarters to the interviewees and demanded their security.

Deans committee's recommendations

BSS adds: The Deans Committee meeting of Dhaka University recommended to the university authorities to resume classes as early as possible ensuring congenial academic atmosphere.

The meeting appreciated the acting Vice-Chancellor for the steps taken by him for resumption of classes.

Acting Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. AFM Yusuf Haider presided over the meeting at, while Deans of different faculties were present.

Meanwhile six persons, including Inspector General of Police (IGP) Modabbir Hossain Chowdhury, and three employees of the SN hall on Wednesday submitted their statement to the one-member Judicial Inquiry Commission led by Justice Tafazal.