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Students moving in and around the Dhaka University campus on the reopening day on Thursday.

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## DU classes resume after 67 days

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After the 67-day shutdown, the Dhaka University campus turned to a carnival as the classes resumed on Thursday.

The campus regained its usual crowd and festivity and the students were seen busy exchanging greetings.

Most of the classes were held on the first day. But, in some departments attendance of students was relatively low.

All the student organisations active on the DU campus brought out processions and held rallies to mark the reopening of the university after a lapse of more than two months.

"This looks so far so good and I'm happy with the starting," Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz said as he visited the campus to see for himself the functioning of academic activities on the first day of reopening the university. He also went to the Central Library.

Former Vice Chancellor Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury on his own decision closed the university sine die on July 27 facing an unprecedented outburst of general

students as a backlash to the police attack in Shamsunnahar Hall late July.

Ruling BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) brought out a huge procession and held a rally at Aparajeyo Bangla. It was the first public programme after the JCD's central committee was reactivated last month.

Apart from DU students, huge JCD activists from Jagannath College, Dhaka College, Eden College, Sher-e-Bangla Agricultural University and Jahangirnagar University came to the DU campus with processions to join the rally.

Opposition Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) also held a rally demanding proper rehabilitation of its activists in the DU dormitories. The BCL-men formed a human chain in front of the Arts Building for several minutes protesting the Shamsunnahar Hall incidents that led the university to a forced closure.

The Students Against Repression  
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## DU classes

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sion at a Press conference announced a programme of Victory Procession on next Sunday to mark the achievement of the general students' movement that saw the exit of the then vice chancellor Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury and Proctor Prof Nazrul Islam.

After Prof Chowdhury's departure, the university Syndicate decided to resume classes on September 12, but they retreated from the decision.

Finally, the administration of acting VC Prof AFM Yusuf Haider took the decision to reopen the university on Thursday a few days before the takeover by Prof Faiz as the VC.