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DU reopening

Student bodies announce fresh agitation programmes

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Dhaka University students will hold token classes on the campus on September 12, the date previously scheduled for reopening the university.

The students will arrange the classes at the historic Battala on Thursday demanding immediate resumption of academic activities. Renowned academics will take the classes.

The university syndicate in its last meeting postponed its previous decision of resuming the academic activities on Thursday of the university.

In the face of general students' upsurge as backlash of the Sham-sunnahar Hall incidents, former VC Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury closed the university *sic die* on July 27.

"All Dhaka University students staying anywhere of the country will wear black badges on Thursday protesting the planned prolonging of the unexpected closure on the university," announced an agitated student at a Press conference at the Madhu's Canteen on Saturday following the *gherao* programme of Students Against Repression at VC Office.

Students Against Repression, the platform that led the recent commoners' outburst, will hold a

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Citizens' Rally at the TSC Square on Wednesday and send postcards to the Vice Chancellor asking to explain the causes behind prolonging the closure.

In the morning the students gathered in front of the Central Library and brought out a protest procession. Parading the campus streets the procession laid a siege at the VC Office and held a rally there.

Meanwhile, the Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) from another Press conference demanded removal of the newly inducted three Syndicate members. They protested the unprecedented ousting of the Syndicate members by General Clauses Act 1897.

BCL announced a weeklong programme demanding immediate reopening of DU including holding protest rally, submission of memorandum, laying siege at VC Office, and token hunger strike.

BCL will observe the token hunger strike on September 15.