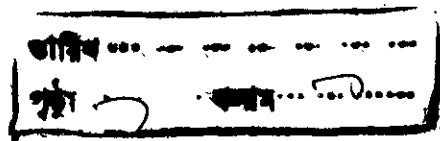


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Home Ministry directives to maintain peace on DU campus

The government directed Dhaka University authorities and law-enforcing agencies to take steps that are necessary to keep peace and discipline on the troubled campus, reports UNB.

The direction, came from a special meeting of the Home Ministry on Thursday afternoon with Dhaka University authorities and government officials.

Chaired by Home Minister Altaf Hossain Chowdhury, the meeting discussed law and order situation that arose Tuesday night at Shamsunnahar Hall of the university over the issue of removal of its provost.

"Overall situation in the hall is now quiet and calm is prevailing in other halls too," the high-powered meeting was informed.

Education Minister Osman Faruk and Deputy Minister Abdus Salam Pintu, State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfuzzaman Babar, Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury, BUET VC Prof Nooruddin Ahmed, Inspector General of Police Mdabbir

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Hossain Chowdhury, BDR Director General Major General Rezakul Haider, Ansar-VDP Director General Manjurul Alam, NSI Director General Brigadier General M Abdur Rahim (rtd) and other senior officials of police and Special Branch were present in the meeting.

Asked about proceedings of the parleys, VC Prof Chowdhury said that they discussed the campus situation and reviewed the 'terrorist' incidents that took place on the campus on Wednesday.

Asked why male police entered into the female dorm, he told journalists that police went "to resist any untoward incident like

the killing of Sony" inside the hall.