

DU Senate meeting begins

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The annual Senate meeting of Dhaka University began at the University Senate Hall on Wednesday.

Vice Chancellor Professor Emazuddin Ahmed delivered opening speech touching different issues including academic activities and development programmes of the year 1994-95.

Speaking on the academic activities, he said that after the introduction of academic calendar, "we are able to bring dynamism in the academic activities. Examinations are now being held on scheduled time and results are being published regularly".

Professor Ahmed said that session jam would totally be removed if the academic calendar was maintained properly in the coming academic years.

The opening session was addressed, among others, by Professor Shahadat Ali, Professor Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Professor Mohabbat Ali Khan, Professor Mustafa Chowdhury, Professor Akhtaruzzaman and Professor Mumin Chowdhury.

Earlier, the Vice Chancellor announced names of five DUCSU nominees for the Senate. The nominees are Monwar Hossain Rana, ABM Mosharraf Hossain, Mahbubur Rahman Talukder, Shamsuzzaman Mehdi and Kaiser Kamal.

The meeting also formed a seven-member committee for suggesting the ways to eliminate terrorism from the University campus with Professor

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Abdul Mannan Chowdhury as its convener. The committee was formed according to the proposal of Professor Abdul Mannan Chowdhury.

The Senate meeting was adjourned by the Senate Chairman and Vice Chancellor of Dhaka University Professor Emazuddin Ahmed at about 7.45 pm after hot debate over a comment by DUCSU Vice President Amanullah Aman, MP. He accused the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) of acting as an agent of a particular political party. The comment generated sharp reaction among the majority members of the Senate.

Senate Member and General Secretary of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) Professor Emamul Haque reacted sharply at the comment and termed it as "untrue" and said that DUTA did not act as the agent of any political party or group. At this stage DUCSU representative Kaiser Kamal accused of DUTA leaders of maintaining relation with some political leaders and acted according to their directives.

A chaotic condition was created in the house and Senate chairman adjourned the meeting until 4 pm today (Thursday).

A section of Senate members later held an important news conference at DUTA office soon after the adjournment of Senate meeting. They blamed the Senate Chairman and VC Professor Emazuddin Ahmed for failing to conduct the meeting impartially. They said that the VC adjourned the meeting at the time when they were protesting the false and motivated remarks of a DUCSU representative in the Senate against DUTA. They also expected that VC will conduct the Senate meeting maintaining agenda when it will resume at 4 pm today (Thursday).

The press conference was addressed, among others, by DUTA President ATM Zahurul Haq, General Secretary Emamul Haq, Prof Shahadat Ali, Prof Masihuzzaman and Dr Arcfin Siddique.

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