

DU student leaders sign peace deal

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The leaders of different student organisations including Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) after a two-day discussion signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) regarding bringing back congenial atmosphere in Dhaka University.

As per MOU, the opposition party's student wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) will withdraw its indefinite strike from Saturday that caused suspension of classes and other academic activities and postponement of examinations in Dhaka University.

The meeting was initiated by Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO), a joint body of eight left-leaning student organisations.

According to the MOU, the university authorities with the cooperation of the leaders of active student organisations will take necessary steps to remove non-students and outsiders from all the residential halls and rehabilitate the local students at their respective seats.

To rehabilitate the "genuine" resident students in their dormitories, the hall inmates will be directed to come outside their respective halls for a while and will be allowed to enter the hall after verifying their identity cards in presence of hall administration, proctor and leaders

of different student organisations.

The consensus was reached in a joint meeting of JCD, BCL (S-P) and Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) with acting Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed in the chair. After a four-hour long meeting on Wednesday it again began on Thursday at the VC's

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residence at 1.45 pm and ended through signing the Memorandum of Understanding at 4.35 pm.

The MOU was signed by central President and General Secretary and Dhaka University Unit President and General Secretary of different student organisations including BCL (S-P) and JCD.

The meeting was attended by Enamul Haq Shamim, President of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P), Shahjahan Alam Saju, Abu Sayed Al Mahmud Swapan and Bahadur Bepary of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P), Habib-un-Nabi Sohel, General Secretary of JCD, Abdul Khaleq, acting President of JCD, ABM Mosharrar Hossain and Monir Hossain of JCD and Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya leaders—Abdullahil Quium, Obaidur Rahman Chunnun, Ziaul Haq Zia, Nurul Islam, Aslam Khan and Mizanur Rahman Palash.

Provost of different halls, acting Proctor of the University Professor Nurunnabi and Associate Proctors were also attended the meeting.

The MOU also said that no student organisation will give shelter to any terrorist and if their activists get involved in terrorist activities then the concerned organisation will take punitive measures against them and if needed they would expelled those terrorists.

It said that if the members of law enforcing agencies arrest any terrorist then no student organisation could demand their release and the student organisations have to depend the university authorities if it takes any punitive measure against any terrorist.

Although according to present situation the police personnel do not seek permission to the university authorities but in future if they want to search any hall of the university then they must have to seek permission to the hall provosts and in absence of acting provosts, says the MOU.

It also said that the university authorities would request the Government to release the JCD President Shahiduddin Chowdhury Ani and other arrested students of Dhaka University.

According to the agreement no student organisations would obstruct other organisation in doing their political activities in the halls and would not make any indecent comment against others.

President of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) Prof ATM Zahurul Haq and General Secretary Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique in a joint statement on Thursday appreciated the signing of Memorandum of Understanding among the student organisations regarding bringing back congenial atmosphere on the campus.

In the statement DUTA leaders said any measure regarding bringing back congenial atmosphere on the campus by removing terrorists and outsiders from the halls are always praiseworthy.