

# Tk 58.43 cr DU budget approved

A Tk 58.43 crore budget of Dhaka University, with a deficit of about Tk 10.36 crore, was approved on Wednesday for the next fiscal year, says UNB.

The approval was given by the Senate, the highest decision-making body of the university, at its annual session Wednesday that witnessed a raucous walkout.

The total budget deficit, however, includes the deficit of the previous fiscal (1995-96) of Tk 5.68 crore.

Of the budget outlay, the government will provide Tk 49.76 crore while Tk 4 crore will come from the varsity's own income.

The one-day Senate session was presided over by DU Vice-Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed. Treasurer of the University Prof M

Shamsul Haq presented the budget at the session. After a four-and-half-hour discussion, the senators approved the 1996-97 budget.

They also approved the revised budget for the fiscal 1995-96.

The allocations for the coming year include teachers' salaries Tk 16.09 crore, officers salaries Tk 4.83 crore, employees salaries Tk 12.69 crore, pension Tk 4 crore, student scholarship Tk 80.52 lakh, research Tk 90.34 lakh, development of education standard Tk 65 lakh, medicare Tk 35.16 lakh, students' bus service Tk 1.02 crore and sports and others Tk 5.59 crore.

At the outset of the session, 36 pro-Awami League Blue and left-leaning Pink panel senators, out of

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the total 67, staged a walkout challenging the VC's legitimacy as the session's chairmanship for his alleged corruption.

Later, halfway through the session, they came back and demanded that the proceedings be restarted from the beginning to facilitate their participation. But the house declined and proceeded without them.

Addressing the session the Vice-Chancellor hoped that the longstanding session-jam problem could be eliminated at the end of 96-97 academic session.

He, in this regard, mentioned that the session-jam could be brought under control by the last academic session if there had been no unscheduled closure for political reasons.