

Pandemonium in DU Senate meet VC rejects two proposals

The 7th special session of the Dhaka University Senate was adjourned on Monday amid pandemonium, reports UNB.

The uproar erupted as Vice Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed, who is also the Chairman of the Senate, rejected two contentious proposals of the Pro-Awami League senators.

The proposals are the issue of caretaker government and the Prime Minister's schedule to inaugurate the Bangla Academy book fair on February 1.

Prof . Harun-or-Rashid, the Teachers' Representative in the Senate, proposed the House that the visit of the Prime Minister along with the Home Minister to the Dhaka University campus and its adjoining areas be declared "unexpected" as the Government failed to take necessary steps against the killers of Nuban Ahmed.

While Syed Ahmed, the registered Graduate Representative, proposed the authorities to take resolution demanding fresh schedule to hold the general election under a caretaker Government to ensure participation of all political parties.

But the Vice Chancellor turned down the proposals saying that the Senate Secretary should be informed at least seven days before the Senate session about any proposal. He also termed the proposals as politically motivated.

The special session with two agenda — the Newly introduced Pharma-

cy Faculty and the overall campus situation — began at 3:30 at the Registrar building with Vice Chancellor prof Emajuddin Ahmed. The VC had called the session responding to an application of the 32 pro-Awami league senators.

In the inaugural speech, the Senate Chairman informed the house that classes for about 32 days during the last year could not be held in the university due to political reasons. A good number of examinations had been shifted due to the same reasons, he said.

"It's frustrating that the senators failed to maintain the dignity of the Senate. "The Senate is not a political platform", the VC told the newsmen after the session.

The pro-Awami League Senators expressed resentment and blamed the VC for pandemonium in the session.

The senators were divided to name the newly introduced pharmacy faculty. Later, the issue was left without any decision.

Prof ATM Zahirul Huq, prof AK Azad Chowdhury, Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, Prof Abul Kashem Fazlul Huq, Mosharraf Hossain, Kaiser Kamal, Prof Anowarulh Chowdhury, Habibur Rahman Khan and Advocate Wazer Farook took part in the discussion.

The session was adjourned till March 28.