

Acute accommodation problem for DU students

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The students of Dhaka University has been facing acute accommodation problem due to scarcity of residential halls and presence of outsiders in different dormitories.

About 68 per cent of the total students of the university are not provided with accommodation.

The Annual Report of Dhaka University published recently shows that there are 38 thousand 877 students in the university. Of them only 12,612 students are given residential facilities in the 14 dormitories of the university. Out of the total 12,612 accommodated students 2146 have been staying in the halls by taking permission for doubling.

Campus sources said, a large number of outsiders have been staying in different male dormitories of the university, excepting Jagannath Hall and Jasimuddin Hall for a long time. "The outsiders are not only staying in the halls illegally but also have been taking meals in the halls without payment," it added.

The shortage of seats in the three female dormitories of the university is also acute. The number of students attached to Rokeya Hall, Shamsunahar Hall and Kuwait-Moytree Hall is 14,136. Of them only 2679 are resident. About 11,457 female students are staying outside the campus due to shortage of seats.

The number of legal students in the 11 male dormitories of the uni-

versity is 24,741. Of them only 9,933 students have been residing in the halls. Of the total resident students 2146 have been staying in the halls by taking permission for doubling from the hall authorities.

A total of 3000 students are registered with Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall. Of them 600 are residential. Out of the total 2,498 registered students of Ziaur Rahman Hall, 474 are residential. The num-

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ber of students attached to Jasimuddin Hall is 2,000. Of them 400 are residential. Out of the total 2447 registered students of Jagannath Hall 1,110 are residential.

Dhaka University authorities have enhanced 10 per cent seats in the university in 1997-98 session and that has intensified the existing accommodation problem.

Earlier, an year back the Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof A.K. Azad Chowdhury announced to build up two new dormitories — one for the male and other for the female students in the university to ease up the present accommodation problem but the construction work of the new halls is yet to begin.