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Strike withdrawn

DU to slash 70 pc of proposed tuition fee

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The stalemate prevailing on Dhaka University following the enhancement of tuition fees and other fees ended on Wednesday when a meeting of the University officials, teachers and leaders of different student organisations reached a consensus to slash 70 per cent of the proposed tuition fees hike.

The student organisations who were agitating on the campus against the enhancement of tuition fees have withdrawn their strike programmes in view of the decision of the Wednesday's meeting.

The University Syndicate in an emergency meeting held on Wednesday night with Vice-Chancellor Prof. AK Azad Chowdhury in the chair approved the decision to slash 70 per cent of the enhanced tuition fees.

The Vice-Chancellor held a meet-

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ing with the pro-Vice Chancellor, provosts, chairmen of departments, deans of different faculties, directors of different institutes of the university, representatives of the university teachers association and teachers representative to the Syndicate on Wednesday afternoon to discuss the situation prevailing in the university on the issue of enhancement of tuition fees. The meeting endorsed the preposal of the Vice-Chancellor to reduce the tuition fees by 70 per cent.

The Vice-Chancellor also held a meeting with the representatives of student organisations and general students to discuss about the agitation by student organisations on the campus against the proposal to raise the tuition fees. Earlier in a meeting with the leaders of student organisations on July 25, the Vice-Chancellor offered to slash the tuition fees rise by 60 per cent. But the student organisations rejected the offer and observed strike for two days and continued their agitation on the campus.

The University Syndicate expressed satisfaction at the end of the stalemate over the issue of enhancement of tuition fees.