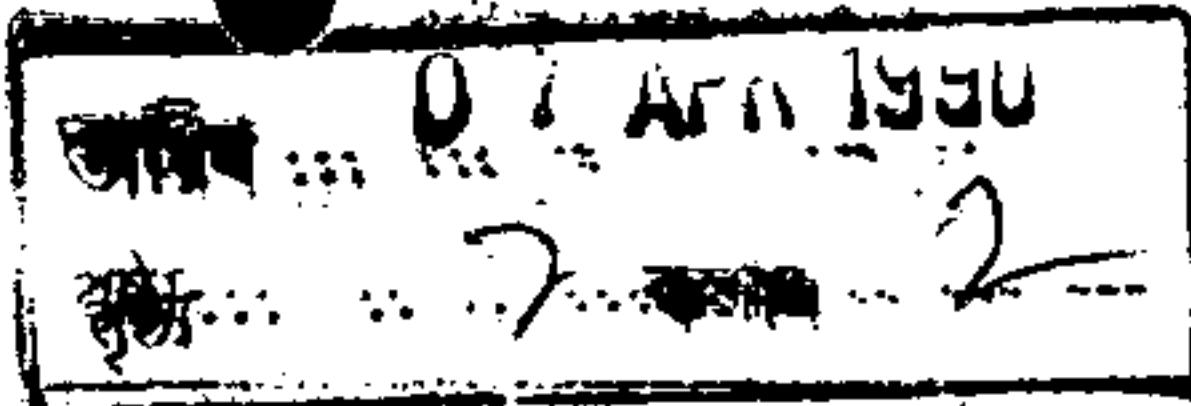


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DU reopens today after 40 days

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The Dhaka University reopens today (Saturday) after 40 days of closure following the killing of Shahidul Islam Chunnu, Vice-President of Zahirul Huq Hall Students Union in a gun battle on the campus on February 25 last.

The 13 residential halls of the University opened on Thursday under strict security measures. The authorities have taken steps to screen outsiders from entering the campus.

The Dhaka University Syndicate took the decision of reopening the University on March 29. The newly appointed Vice-Chancellor, Prof. M. Maniruzzaman Miah in a meeting held on April 1 with the provosts and the house tutors decided to reopen the halls on Thursday.

Former Vice-Chancellor Prof. Abdul Mannan tendered his resignation to the Chancellor of the Universities as a result of deadlock created in reopening the university. He has been appointed a member of the Public Service Commission (PSC).

With the reopening of university halls on Thursday, the students began returning to campus.

UNB adds:—Teachers, students and employees of the university will bring out a combined peace procession today (Saturday) at 12 noon to create a public opinion against terrorism.

Meanwhile, the government has assured the university authorities of fullest co-operation to contain terrorism and thereby help restore normal academic atmosphere on the

campus. The assurance was given by President H.M. Ershad on Thursday at a meeting with the Syndicate members led by the VC.

"The government will take appropriate action as and when we as for," said a Syndicate member on Friday when asked whether the government has planned any concrete measure.