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DU Syndicate urges govt to withdraw Ordn

The Dhaka University Syndicate at a meeting today (Saturday) called upon the government to withdraw the Ordinance under which it closed the universities, reports UNB.

A resolution of the meeting said the University Ordinance of 1973 empowered the Syndicate to take decision on opening and closure of the University. The Ordinance No 13 of 1990 has infringed the rights of the Syndicate and hence it should be withdrawn.

In another resolution, the Syndicate entrusted the Vice-Chancellor to move the authorities through the Council of Bangladesh Universities for withdrawal of the Ordinance No 13 which is applicable to all the universities.

The Ordinance No 13 of 1990 (The Educational Institutions Law and Order Ordinance, 1990) promulgated

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last week in the wake of student unrest, empowered the government to close the educational institutions, including the universities, for a period of one month which may be extended by another month.

Following the promulgation of the ordinance, the government on October 13 ordered all educational institutions in the capital city, including the Dhaka University, closed sine die. Similar orders were issued later closing the Jahangirnagar University at Savar, the Rajshahi University and the Agriculture University in Mymensingh.

A Press release of the Dhaka University on Saturday night said the resolutions were adopted in the Syndicate meeting after close consideration of the views of two legal experts on the latest ordinance. The meeting was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Prof. Moniruzzaman Miah.