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Hearing of writ plea against DU closure put off till Nov 6

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A Division Bench comprising Mr. Justice Md. Abdul Jalil and Mr. Justice Quazi Shafi Uddin of the High Court Division of the Supreme Court adjourned the hearing of the Rule on Wednesday in a writ petition issued earlier upon the Secretaries, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Law and Justice and others till November 6.

A Rule Nisi was issued calling upon the respondents to show cause why the impugned order dated 13.10.90 issued by the government should not be declared to have been made without lawful authority etc. The matter now come up in the list for hearing on November 6 at the top subject to part-heard matters:

Mr. Rafiqul Haq, Attorney General appearing for the Government prayed for one week's time to file affidavit-in-opposition on the grounds that the copy of the supplementary affidavit being a part of the writ petition was not served upon the respondents and as a result they could not instruct him properly by giving para-wise report. He further submitted that copy of the writ petition served upon two of the respondents even did not contain the papers annexed thereto as Annexes-C and C-1.

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Dr. Kamal Hossain seriously objected to the prayer for adjournment. He submitted that the matter was of utmost urgency involving the rights of two lacs students who have been denied education by closure of the educational institution in the country. He pointed out that justice demand notice served enforce moving for the rule took four days to reach the respondents. He said that it took four days for the postal authority to cross the street to reach other side to deliver the notice upon the respondents at the Secretariat building. There was some heated arguments. Soon it boiled down.

The Attorney General informed the court the Government is equally anxious to reopen the educational institutions. He pointed out that the government has announced opening of the schools and he expected that colleges soon be opened.

On behalf of the petitioner appeared Dr. Kamal Hossain, Syed Ishtiaq Ahmed, Mr. Shamsul Haq Chowdhury, Mr. S.S. Haider, Mr. Amirul Islam, Mr. Zulmat Ali Khan, Mr. Rafiqul Alam Miah and others. The room was crowded with the students.