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Evicted DU residents yet to be rehabilitated

Student terrorists have returned to the Dhaka University campus after a fortnight, although without arms, while the bona fide residents evicted from their seats are yet to be rehabilitated, reports UNB.

Most armed cadres and outsiders left the campus after the grisly killing of two students on September 4 and resultant disaster on the government Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, including

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the arrest of its former General Secretary Ilyas Ali.

Campus sources said frequent movement of the troublemakers stopped over the last few days, but they are again seen all day long at hall gates.

Sources further say gunmen stay at night in some halls of the nearby Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

Residents of Salimullah, Zahurul Huq and Jagannath halls—known as strongholds of Chhatra League—said branded terrorists were found in the dormitories despite heavy police presence.

On the other hand, junior cadres of JCD were also seen in Suryasen Hall, and sometimes in Shahidullah and Fazlul Huq Halls.

Meanwhile, the DU authorities so far couldn't rehabilitate the students evicted from their own halls by their rivals.

Supporters of the Gopalganj faction of BCL, ousted by the Montu group from Zahurul Huq Hall on May 27, could not yet return to their dormitory for fear of their colleagues-turned-enemies.

Similarly, Ilyas supporters of JCD, ousted from Monsin and Suryasen Halls, failed to return to their own seats.

On the other side, Ratan-Syed group supporters, pushed out from Ziaur Rahman, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and Jashimuddin Halls, were still in the wilderness.

The DU authorities recently instructed hall administrations to arrange immediate rehabilitation of the displaced, as calm descended on the troubled campus.

Nearly 1,000 student activists and supporters of JCD and BCL had been evicted from these halls over one and a half years.

During the evictions, cadres, junior activists and non-students occupied single rooms, reserved only for final year examinees. These are yet to vacated, sufferers said.

The varsity authority recently issued an ultimatum for the seat captors to quit immediately, warning stern action against them otherwise.

But, as in the past, the warning devoid of followup action, went unheeded.

No gunshot has, however, been heard on the campus since 7 a.m. on September 4, the day two JCD men were gunned down in factional clashes.