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Meetings, processions banned

CU reopens Apr 18 after 18 months

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CHITTAGONG, Apr. 15.—The University of Chittagong will reopen on Saturday next after closure of almost one and a half years.

According to a University Press release, the five dormitories of the University will be opened to the resident students one day before the resumption of the classes on Saturday.

Chittagong University which bedevilled with crisis due to groupism of teachers and perennial feud between the fundamentalist Shibir camp and All Party Students Alliance (APSU) is going to be reopened on a consensus of all feuding factions. The incumbent Vice-Chancellor Prof Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury after prolonged backdoor parlour with all feuding sections could finally reach

an agreed formula before the reopening of the University. The 18-point agreed formula were even endorsed by both the Islami Chhatra Shibir and All Party Students Alliance of which CU-CSU is aligned.

The Chittagong City Corporation Mayor Mir Mohammad Nasirudin mediated the negotiation in February last for that formula that became acceptable to all. Meanwhile, the University have taken extraordinary security measures to maintain law and order on the campus. More than three platoons of police personnel posted on the campus. The Vice-Chancellor Prof Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury appealed to all concerned to maintain sanctity of the academic life

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in the University to maintain a situation conducive to the university.

BSS adds: Chittagong University authority has decided to ban meeting, procession and raising of slogans on the campus on April 17 and 18 at a meeting of Deans and Provosts, held today with Vice-Chancellor Prof. Rafiqul Islam Chowdhury in the chair. Proctor Prof. Abul Kashem said tonight.

The University halls will be reopened on April 17 and classes will resume on April 18 after remaining closed for one year because of students' agitation.