

BUET classes likely to resume early July

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The academic activities of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) are likely to resume early next month after the implementation of the disciplinary action against the students who were involved in the untoward incident on the campus in April.

But sources said that the resumption of classes may be delayed if the authorities' decision regarding the action becomes too harsh.

Another round of agitation by the students is feared if BUET authorities expel any student for involvement in the vandalism which took place on April 26

and 27.

Classes in BUET have been suspended for two months causing a further session jam. Two batches under different departments are yet to complete their studies. These two batches are in addition to the regular four batches and another fresh one is still waiting to begin classes.

BUET students went on the rampage on the campus including teachers' residential areas centering the authorities' decision to expel a student for adopting unfair means in an examination. The university was closed for an indefinite period follow-

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ing the incident. The authorities, immediately after the incident, formed a six-member probe body to investigate into the incident. The probe body submitted its report in the middle of June.

The probe body initially accused a total of 280 students for their involvement, either directly or indirectly, sources said. Of the total, 40 students were identified for their direct involvement, 56 for indirect involvement and the remaining 184 for provoking the agitation.

All the identified students have been served with show cause notices and were warned of termination if they fail to come up with satisfactory answers.

Sources informed this correspondent that seven of the executive committee members of Engineering University Central Students' Union (EUCSU) including the vice-president and general secretary were in the list.

Sources also said that seven short listed students from the accused 280 might be expelled by the authorities.

"BUET teachers also have two factions, one is against any expulsion", sources said. "One of two factions comprises of some teachers from the Civil Engineering Department who are clearly against the Vice-Chancellor of BUET," they added.

Meanwhile, the student organisations are alleging that the probe body formed to investigate into the vandalism is not impartial. They have brought allegations of provocation against some teachers.

"The probe body has accused 184 students for their provocative action. But what about the teachers who directly provoked the students" questioned one of the senior EUCSU executives on condition of anonymity.

The student bodies are strongly demanding a judicial inquiry into the whole matter.

On the other hand, the BUET Teachers' Association's demands include the cancellation of EUCSU.

"BUET Teachers' Association is not a legal platform according to the '63 Ordinance", an office-bearer of EUCSU said. Students of the 1998-99 session will begin their classes in BUET amid much sufferings though they are not at all involved in the conflict between the teachers and students.

The freshers have already lost a year and are expected to lose another as they will not be able to start their classes before the middle of the next year.