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## DUCSU polls date won't be shifted

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed today ruled out possibility of deferring April 12 DUCSU election, saying the authorities were determined to hold the overdue voting on schedule, reports UNB.

Authorities are taking all preparations for smooth holding the election, he told members of the Dhaka University Journalists' Association (DUJA) at his office on Thursday noon. He stressed the need for holding elections every year for restoring discipline at the varsity.

The VC's assertion came in the midst of angry demonstration by a student group demanding rescheduling of the election, saying congenial atmosphere does not exist on the campus for elections.

Pro-Awami League Chhatra League over the last few days pressed its demand for shifting the election date. Earlier, the election had been shifted several times due to their demand.

"Only one student organisation is demanding shift in the election, but all other organisations are demanding that the election be held on schedule. So, how is it possible to defer the date?" Exchanging views with the journalists he said the election schedule had been finalised unanimously at a joint meeting of teachers, students, provosts, deans and concerned authorities. "So, the demand for shifting the election date by a particular quarter is quite

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unexpected and illogical," the VC said.

"DUCSU elections had been held annually since 1923 till 1968. "Now we want to restore the past glory of DUCSU through holding election every year"

Prof Emajuddin said the authorities had already introduced Academic Calendar for smooth holding of classes and examinations to remove session jam.

The authorities have also decided to include dates of DUCSU election and annual convocation in the Calendar from coming session in light of integrated programme of the university for bringing back its normal activities and restoring healthy atmosphere, he added.

Referring to the allegation of Chhatra League, the VC said peaceful atmosphere was now prevailing on the campus and outsiders were not staying in halls.

The DUJA team was led by its President Rezaul Karim Lotus and General Secretary Fariduzzaman Farid. Chief Returning Officer Prof A K M Abdul Alim and Public Relations Officer Nurul Islam were present.