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DU team calls on Shahabuddin

Help in mopping up illegal arms to be welcome

DHAKA, UNB: A 17-member delegation of Dhaka University comprising teachers, syndicate members, provosts and student leaders called on Acting President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed at the President's Secretariat here on Tuesday.

The delegation led by Vice-Chancellor Prof M. Muniruzzaman Mia demanded immediate recovery of illegal arms from the Dhaka University campus for restoration of congenial academic atmosphere.

Delegation members also urged the Acting President to take steps for recovery of illegal arms so that the February 27 polls can be free and fair.

The need for unearthing the sources of supply of illegal arms was stressed by the delegation which called for apprehending and putting on trial those involved in this regard.

The delegation included, among others, Pro-Vice-Chancellor Dr. Wakil Ahmed; Proctor Kamrul Hasan Chowdhury, DUCSU General Secretary Khairul Kabir Khokon and other leaders of the APSU.

The student leaders, who demanded immediate trial of ousted President Ershad and his ministers, pledged their full co-operation with the authorities in making the campus free from illegal arms.

The Acting President told the delegation that his interim government already initiated a drive to mop up illegal arms and would welcome co-operation from all quarters for its success.

He said that his administration was totally committed to holding a free and fair election.

Justice Shahabuddin said security forces, including armed police, ansars and BDR would be deployed in each of the country's 24,200 polling centres to ensure peace and order during the polls.

The Acting President said trial of the accused persons would follow completion of investigations and submission of charge sheets.

Reiterating his government's neutrality, the Acting President said the coming elections are going to be free and fair in which all parties have been allowed to participate.