

We will start staying at VC's house

Enraged Ducs member warns as no solution to seat crisis in dorms yet

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Ducs member Tanbir Hasan Shaikat yesterday said he, along with first-year students living in *gono* rooms in dormitories, would start residing in the vice-chancellor's home from October 29.

“We will start residing in the VC’s residence as the university authorities failed to take any effective measure within a 15-day ultimatum to resolve the existing accommodation crisis on the campus,” he told a press conference at Dhaka University Journalists’ Association office.

To cope with the existing accommodation crisis, ruling party student body places freshers in *gono rooms* at every hall. Over 30 students live in a *gono room* meant to have just four beds.

The university has 18 dorms.

Shaikat, a former member of central Chhatra League, alleged that Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal leaders had first introduced such *gono room* culture in the university soon after the BNP was founded by former president Ziaur Rahman.

They used the freshers for their political programmes.

“Since then, no one took initiative to stop this culture,” he added.

He said the incumbent VC was yet to take any visible initiative in this regard though the demand was made before him repeatedly.

Shaikat claimed that the university failed to make its place in the ranking of world's top 1,000 universities because of students' sufferings caused by severe accommodation crisis.

On October 1, he issued a 15-day ultimatum for the university authorities to resolve the accommodation crisis.

Shaikat, who has been elected to Dhaka University Central Students' Union from the BCL panel, has been staying with some first-year students in a *gono room* of Kabi Jasimuddin Hall since September 1, leaving his allocated room as he failed to give any solution to the crisis.

Shaikat, a final-year student of theatre and performance studies, also promised to stay in the *gono room* unless the university authorities take visible steps to address the accommodation crisis.