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RU halls reopen after 63 days

Classes start Oct 28

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All the 15 residential halls of Rajshahi University (RU) reopened yesterday amid tight security after 63 days' unscheduled closure following August 22 campus unrest.

The classes and examinations will resume on October 28.

Police and Detective Branch men were seen checking the identity cards of students as they were returning to halls while law enforcers were patrolling on the campus and vantage points.

Meanwhile, some RU teachers expressed their dissatisfaction at reopening the university without securing the release of eight of their detained colleagues and several students.

A high official of the university told newsmen that the university authorities have continued discussions with the government in this regard.

The authorities asked the residential and non-residential students of the university to carry identity cards during their stay on the campus.

Patrol teams of law enforcers will stay at different spots on the campus and students failing to show ID cards will have to face stern action, said RU Proctor Enamul Haque.

The decision was taken at a meeting with university proctorial body, council of hall provosts and police high officials at the university dean complex on Wednesday.

The provost council directed the hall staff to close hall gates at

10:00pm for male students while female students have been asked to return to halls before 6:00pm, meeting sources said.

The RU proctor also directed the conductors of students' mess and privately-owned rented hostels around the campus to provide the photographs and details of students and other dwellers, campus sources said.

The university was closed following a government order to shut down all public universities on August 22.