

DUET comes to standstill

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Students lock the main gate of the Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology in Gazipur on Monday, protesting at the appointment of the new vice-chancellor. | Focus Bangla photo

Academic and administrative activities of Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology have come to a standstill on Monday due to protests and counter-protests of the students over the recent appointment of new vice-chancellor.

A section of students held a blockade programme in front of the main entrance of the university throughout the day.



On the day, students, teachers and Bangladesh Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal DUET unit held separate press conferences.

Earlier on Sunday, at least 20 people, including students and police members, were injured in clashes between two groups of DUET students over joining of the vice-chancellor.

A case was filed by police at Gazipur metropolitan sadar police station on Monday over the Sunday clash against unnamed 200 to 250 accused alleging obstruction of government work, assault, vandalism, arson, and injury to police and students, said the officer-in-charge Md Aminul Islam.

No one was arrested till now, he said and claimed that the situation on the campus was under control.

For the Sunday clashes, Chhatra Dal and Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir blamed each other on Sunday issuing two separate statements.

Earlier, on May 14, the government appointed professor Mohammad Iqbal of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology as the new vice-chancellor of the DUET.

After the news spread the same night, a section of students under the banner of 'General Students' started a movement boycotting the decision and formed human chain and blocked roads.

They demanded that the vice-chancellor for the university should be chosen from the DUET as its internal faculty members have experience in the education system, research, and administrative realities.

The DUET Teachers Association held a press conference at the vice-chancellor's office's conference room where the association president professor Md Khasru Miah expressed solidarity with the protesting students and demanded justice for those involved in the ongoing violence.

DUET unit Chhatra Dal held a press conference outside the campus at a market where the leaders said that they would accept if any teacher from DUET was appointed as vice-chancellor.

The new vice-chancellor professor Mohammad Iqbal did not join office on Monday.

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