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BUET expulsion APSU demands judicial probe, threatens movement

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The All Party Student Unity (APSU) at the BUET is going for, a "vigorous movement" on the campus from early next month to protest expulsion of some students and press its earlier demand for a judicial probe into the April 25-26 incidents at the university.

The movement programme will include procession, rally and strike, some APSU leaders told *The Daily Star* after their meeting at the Dhaka University TSC yesterday.

Meanwhile sources said the Academic Council of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology will hold an emergency meeting on Monday to discuss the latest situation on the campus and take a decision on reopening of the university and holding of examinations.

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Some sources however told this correspondent that the BUET authorities have decided to reopen the residential halls for students on July 4.

The BUET authorities on Thursday expelled one student for life and three others for four terms with two terms of suspended expulsion for their "involvement in vandalism and terrorist activities" on the campus on April 25 and 26. The authorities also ordered suspended expulsion of 22 students for varying periods for involvement in the incidents.

The action was taken following a probe body report on the incidents. The probe body comprising some BUET teachers submitted its report to the authorities on May 30.

The APSU has been demanding a judicial probe into the incidents.

The APSU leaders at a press conference at the BUET cafeteria earlier on Thursday had termed the probe body report "partial and motivated" and said that it reflected the demands of BUET Teachers Asso-

ciation (BUETTA).

After yesterday's meeting, the APSU leaders said they will continue their movement till formation of a judicial probe body for a "neutral and impartial" investigation into the incidents.

When contacted, a leader of the Engineering University Central Students Union (EUCSU) told this correspondent that EUCSU would launch a movement protesting the authorities' decision.

Meanwhile, the BUET authorities refused to disclose the names of the expelled students. The Daily Star yesterday contacted the Vice-Chancellor of BUET, some members of the probe body and some teachers but none of them disclosed the names.

Some student ransacked different academic buildings on the night of April 25 and attacked some teachers' quarters on the campus on the following night in a row over expulsion of a student for impersonating an examinee. BUET was closed sine die on April 27 following the incidents.