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## Call to allow DU teachers to contest in polls

Fifty-four teachers of Dhaka University in a joint statement Sunday urged that teachers be allowed to contest the elections without resigning from their present posts, reports BSS.

The teachers said the opportunity should be allowed as at present the coordination of merit and technical know-how with political experience was needed to consolidate the present democratic victory of the people and for giving it a structural basis.

They said at present as per the rules and regulations of university a teacher could hold the posts of members or leaders of any type of organisation but he had to resign as a teacher before contesting the elections. This is self-contradictory, they said.

They expressed their opinion that considering the prevailing situation and existing social reality of Bangladesh there should be an opportunity for the teachers to contest the polls by taking leave.

The teachers also drew the attention of the Acting President of the caretaker government and leaders of three political alliances to this question.