

DU Syndicate reviews situation

All help to stop violence sought

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The Dhaka University Syndicate in a meeting on Wednesday sought the cooperation of all quarters to stop terrorism on the campus. While condemning the recent acts of violence on the campus, the meeting asked the students to help maintain congenial academic atmosphere.

Presided over by Professor Moniruzzaman Mia, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University, the meeting reviewed the situation prevailing on the campus. At the beginning of the meeting, the Vice-Chancellor gave an account of the background of recent decision postponing the DUCSU polls. He said that the decision to hold DUCSU polls on July 31, was taken at a meeting of University Academic Environment Council represented by all student organisations. The decision not to allow admission of non-students to the University was taken in view of suggestions made by Dhaka University Teachers Associa-

tion (DUTA) as well as the Academic Council, the Vice-Chancellor said. With the announcement of polls date different student (See Page 10 Col. 4)

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organisations insisted on allowing opportunity of admission to non-students.

Dwelling at length on the background to postpone DUCSU polls, he said that different student organisations boycotted the polls. At one stage, there was an assurance by some boycotting student organisations that they would participate in the polls if there was extension of the date of submission of nomination papers, he said. In the light of such assurance, the Syndicate refixed the DUCSU polls date on August 5 the Vice-Chancellor also informed the Syndicate the acts of terrorism witnessed by the University on Tuesday evening aiming at foiling the polls. He said there were use of automatic weapons by some unidentified persons as well as ransacking of the office of the Vice-Chancellor. The situation became calm with the announcement of postponement of DUCSU polls, he said.