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# Govt for early Agri Varsity reopening

The Government has requested the authorities of the Mymensingh Agriculture University to take necessary steps for reopening the university immediately, if situation permits them to do so. Education Minister Mahubur Rahman said in Dhaka on Saturday, reports BSS.

He said the Government was not in any way, a party to the closure of the university on Friday following violent clashes between student groups.

The decision to close down the university was taken by the university authorities to contain the clashes between two groups of students on Friday to ensure safety and security and maintain law and order, the Minister said.

Of the two groups, one be-

longed to Shibir and the other to the Chharta, Sangram Parishad as reported in a section of the press said.

He said the decision for the campus closure was taken by the Vice Chancellor of the University, in consultation with available Syndicate members, Deans of Faculties, Provosts of Halls, senior teachers, proctors and the Students Affairs Adviser on Friday.

On receipt of the news, I have requested the Vice Chancellor for taking necessary steps to reopen the university immediately, if situation so permits' Mr. Rahman said.

He said the Vice-Chancellor had informed him on Saturday morning that the situation at the campus developed and deteriorated so abruptly that the university authorities had no  
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time to communicate with the government before declaring the closure.

The Education Minister said the university authorities had also assured him that necessary steps would be taken by them keeping in view the situation obtaining in the campus for maintaining peace and congenial atmosphere as well as safety and security of the students.

Mr. Rahman said the government felt pained at the violent clashes between students there which forced the closure of the campus. 'We hope the university authorities would

leave no stone unturned to open the university and halls to continue with normal academic pursuits.

He said the government was making every possible effort and endeavours for continuing normal academic activities at all educational institutions and 'feels disappointed when it is disrupted.'

The Minister said that this task of creating and maintaining congenial academic atmosphere for uninterrupted functioning of the educational institutions, and to leave the student community and educational institutions

themselves the government mainly sought cooperation from all irrespective of political opinions.