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DU expenditure up 10 times in 14 years

Following is the remaining portion of the news item "Over Tk 23 crore DU budget" earlier portions of which was published in our Friday issue.

According to the budget, of the total revenue of Taka 23.10 crore, Tk 20.60 crore would come as Government grant and Tk 2.50 crore from the university's own income. The budget showed 07.17 per cent increase in the expenditure.

A revised budget of Tk 25.18 crore for the last fiscal year (1986-87) was also presented in the meeting.

According to the budget, the Government allocation for the current year was Tk 1.98 crore less than the last fiscal year.

The Treasurer of the Dhaka University said that the Government's claim of increasing the allocation in the education sector did stand corrected for Dhaka University.

The expenditure of Dhaka University has gone up ten times during the last 14 years from 1973-74, according to the budget.

Due to the anarchism, bomb explosions and ransacking by the outsiders the expenditure of the university has gone up considerably, Dr Abdullah Faruq said.

Referring to the defect of Taka 28 lakhs in the budget Dr. Faruq observed that in an institution like Dhaka University there should not be any deficit budget. He said that University Grants Commission (UGC) did not give any assurance of providing any fund to meet the minimum expenditure by the University for appointment of more teachers, increment to university teaching staff

and other employees, and increasing the number of students.

Dr Mahabbat Ali, Prof Innas Ali, Prof K.A.M. Saan Uddin, Mr Borhan Uddin Khan, MP and Mr M.A. Mazid took part in the discussion on the budget.

Eight Senate members headed by Prof F.M. Akhtaruzzaman walked out from the session protesting change in the ruling of the Vice-Chancellor.

While taking part in general debate on the proposed budget Senate members representing the teachers and registered graduates of the University criticised the cut in government allocation to the Dhaka University. They said that the cut in Government grant for the University reflected the Government policy to squeeze the education.

The senate meeting was presided over by the Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Abdul Mannan.

Held at the Council Room of the administrative building, the meeting was adjourned till 3-30 p.m. today (Saturday).