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VCs' conditions for reopening varsities

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Vice Chancellors of eight universities of the country Tuesday set six pre-conditions for the early reopening of the universities closed following violent incidents among rival student organisations.

At a meeting the standing committee of Bangladesh Bishabidyalay Parishad (Council of Bangladesh Universities) reviewed the situation in campuses of different universities and observed that the violence that had taken a serious turn in the universities was political in nature and imposed from outside.

The conditions set by the standing committee meeting are (a) The government political parties and their student fronts will have to take the responsibility of ensuring congenial atmosphere on the campus so that universities are not closed again; (b) the government, political parties and their student fronts will have to provide guarantee through the press and radio and television that the vice-chancellors and others engaged in administrative activities would not be subjected to any repression; (c) The government and the law en-

forcing agencies will have to make efforts to ensure safety and security of the life and property on the campus; (d) The law enforcing agencies will be free to take neutral actions against all gun-runners and outsiders on the campus. They will be guided by their respective commanders; (e) No Political party or organisation will not make any statement against actions to be taken by the university administrations for the sake of internal law and order. (f) The parishad hopes that the press and the mass media would be objective in reporting events so that the campus situation does not deteriorate.

The meeting presided over by

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Prof. Sadaruddin Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor, Shahjalal University of Science and Technology, reviewed the situation in Chittagong University, Rajshahi University and Dhaka University and was unanimous to observe that the academic life of thousands of students had become uncertain following the closure of universities. Other VCs present in the meeting were: Dr. M Shajahan of BUET, Prof. Maniruzzaman Mia of DU, Prof. Amanullah Ahmed of RU, Prof. Asadur Rahman of BAU, Prof. Kazi Saleh Ahmed of JU, Prof. M. Abdul Hamid, Islamic University and Prof. Golam Rahman of Khulna University.