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7-day DU ban expires

VC meets student leaders today

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The seven-day ban on "political activities" of all student organisations on Dhaka University campus will expire today (Friday).

The Dhaka University authorities imposed a seven-day ban on processions and rallies from August 6 to August 12 on the campus following a shoot-out in which two university teachers were injured and the offices of the Arts Faculty Dean and Journalism Department Chairman were damaged by activists of a student organisation on August 4.

In view of the imposition of ban, the student organisations including BNP backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and pro-Awami League Chhatra League (M-L), which were blamed for August 4 gunbattle by

different organisations, have refrained from holding rallies and bringing out processions on campus area.

UNB adds:

Dhaka University Vice Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed Thursday said he has opened a dialogue with various student groups and leaders to chalk out a formula for restoring peace in the campus.

He told UNB that he will sit with different student leaders today (Friday) to discuss possibility of formulating a code of conduct for the student organisations for ending campus violence.

Meanwhile, the student leaders are also expected to sit together

today (Friday) morning at the office of Chhatra Front to reach a consensus before attending the meeting with the VC in the evening, campus sources said.

The VC said he was already in touch with the student leaders of different organisations over the prevailing situation adding that they had assured of their cooperation in curbing violence on the campus.

Prof Emajuddin was hopeful that the student leaders would reach a consensus to rid the campus of terrorism and uphold the academic tradition of the university.

In the latest violence on August 4, two rival students' groups, backed respectively by the ruling BNP and the opposition Awami League, clashed on the campus leaving two teachers injured. Some teachers were also harassed by the students.

The VC said he was also trying to resolve the controversy among the teachers involving the national anthem as well as Prof Ershadul Bari, whose membership of the Teachers' Association was cancelled.