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DU authorities meet student leaders May 11

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Dhaka University authorities will hold a meeting with the central leaders of different student organisations on May 11 to discuss about the law and order situation on the campus and the preparation of Dhaka University Central Students' Union (DUCSU) election.

Vice-Chancellor Prof A.K. Azad Chowdhury has convened the meeting of "Environment Council" at 12 noon on the day in the University Senate Room. The "Environment Council" consisting of Proctor, provosts of different halls and leaders of different student organisations is responsible for maintaining peace on the campus.

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The Syndicate in its meeting held on April 28 adopted a resolution to dissolve DUCSU and hall students' unions.

The Syndicate took the resolution on the basis of the recommendation of the Probe Body headed by Barrister Moinul Hossain. Though under the 1973 Dhaka University Ordinance the tenure of DUCSU and hall unions is fixed for one year the present DUCSU and hall unions have been functioning for the last seven years without any elections. Almost all office bearers of the existing DUCSU and hall unions are no more students of the university, most of the major student organisations excepting BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) hailed the Syndicate decision to dissolve DUCSU and hall unions. JCD that won the DUCSU elections in June 1990 have still been holding on the DUCSU office for the last seven years.

Meanwhile, Dhaka University authorities have served show cause notices on 12 JCD activists in connection with the killing of Arif Hossain Taj, a student of Jasimuddin Hall of the university. The Inquiry Committee consisting of Barrister Moinul Hossain, Proctor K.M. Nurunnabi, Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) President M. Mostafa Chowdhury, Arts Faculty Dean Prof Aminul Islam, Zahurul Haq Hall Provost Prof Khondaker Bazlul Haq, Prof Mostafizur Rahman and former DUTA President Dr. A.T.M. Zahurul Haq found that internal conflict of JCD led to the killing of Arif Hossain. The committee identified 12 JCD activists for involvement in the killing.

The meeting of the "Environment Council" to be held on May 11 is likely to insist on carrying Laminated Identity Cards by all resident students of the university without which none will be allowed to stay in the hall.

The meeting of the "Environment Council" will be preceded by Syndicate meeting on May 10.