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### VC meets newsmen DU tuition fees raised to improve quality of edn

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The Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof AK Azad Chowdhury on Monday exchanged views with senior journalists regarding the enhancement of tuition fees and the subsequent agitations by some students groups on the Dhaka University campus recently.

He said that the university authorities made the enhancement of tuition fees and other charges of the students to improve further the standard of education and survive in the competition of "imparting qualitative

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education" with other universities of the country.

Prof Chowdhury stated that many pragmatic measures were taken to provide modern facilities to the students at their halls and departments. He said that all departments, university central library and department, seminar rooms were brought under computer and internet facilities and latest journals, books and research works were supplied to the students there. Besides, amount and numbers of stipends and scholarships for poor and meritorious students have been increased, he added.

The Vice-Chancellor pointed out to the journalists that Dhaka University was given Tk 56.57 crore by the government for the fiscal year 1998-99 but this money was not enough to meet all expenditures and other needs of the university. The university has a deficit of about Tk 6.17 crore, he said.

Considering all these financial limitations and upholding our commitment to maintain Dhaka University as a leading and pioneering educational institution in the country, some tuition fees and charges of the students were increased recently, the Vice-Chancellor said. But it was unfortunate that some students organisations instead of giving any suggestion started to create chaotic situation on the campus demanding withdrawal of all enhanced fees, he said.

He, however, said that he slashed an amount of Tk 390 from the enhanced fees following the demand of the students organisations and now a student would have to pay a total of Tk 2340 instead of Tk 2730 for a year.

The Vice-Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury regretted that despite withdrawal of some tuition and other fees, some student forces have been creating chaos on the Dhaka University campus for their vested interest.

He made an appeal to all political parties, student organisations, students, guardians and others concerned to help maintain a congenial academic atmosphere and run the Dhaka University smoothly and peacefully for the greater interest of the nation.

The meeting was also attended by Pro-VC, Treasurer, Deans of different faculties, Chairman of various departments, directors of the institutes, provosts of halls and proctor of the university.