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CA urges DU VC to resolve stalemate

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Chief Adviser to the Caretaker Government Justice Latifur Rahman on Monday told Dhaka University's Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury to resolve the ongoing stalemate on the campus in consultation with the Senate and the Syndicate.

He asked the DU authorities to take all necessary steps for maintaining peace and order on the campus in the interest of congenial academic atmosphere. The university has now been plagued with a nonstop strike since July 29.

Justice Rahman expressed his "unwillingness" to interfere in the internal affairs of the university, an autonomous body according to the University Ordinance 1973. The President is the Chancellor of the university.

The Chief Adviser expressed his views when a delegation of Dhaka University Syndicate led by the VC called on the Chief Adviser at his office to apprise him of the prevailing circumstances on the campus. Prof AK

Azad Chowdhury later briefed the university correspondents about the outcome of their meeting with the CA.

Education Adviser to the Caretaker Government ASM Shahjahan assured the delegation that the government would extend its all-out support to maintain an atmosphere conducive to academic activities.

Justice Latifur Rahman told the DU Syndicate that only the genuine students should be allowed to stay in the dormitories. "Under no circumstances the non-students should be welcomed in the university areas or the dormitories," the CA was quoted to have said.

Syndicate member and Provost of Surya Sen Hall Prof AFM Yousuf Haider told the CA that there was no outsider in the hall's after the authorities' 'inspection drive' in the 11 halls.

Principal Secretary to the CA Shah Muhammad Farid and Education Secretary Shahidul Islam were present on the occasion.