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Move to resolve DU crisis fails again

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The latest move to resolve the Dhaka University crisis resulted in a fiasco as the agitating Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Saturday refused to join the Syndicate-initiated dialogue.

The university Syndicate on Wednesday invited the JCD for dialogues on Saturday with the liaison committee formed by the Syndicate.

Leaders of JCD handed over a memorandum to the Syndicate

members saying that they would not sit with the authorities in presence of vice chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury and Proctor Prof AKM Noor-un-Nabi.

"The responsibility for the killing at Zia Hall on August 17 and injuring the JCD activists and ransacking their rooms in different dorms goes to both the VC and Proctor for their partisan role," the JCD memorandum said and added "still the university isn't free from

arms and terrorists for their biased attitude".

"If the Syndicate really wants any resolution to the crisis through talks, JCD is ready to join any such initiative without VC and Proctor's presence," said the memorandum signed by president and general secretary of DU unit JCD.

When asked about the failure of the latest initiative, a member of

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the liaison committee told this correspondent, "conversation is the only way to settle any crisis and we tried to do so".

"But the JCD's latest stance isn't logical," he added questioning, "How come the Syndicate would sit without its chairman?"

About any further initiative he said "Time is the best decider, it will dictate what is to be done."

The failure of holding the talks created resentments among the common students. "All the authorities and student leaders are preferring their prestige not taking the sufferings of the students to any point," said Reefat, a final year student of Mass Communication and Journalism department.

"I was expecting a resolution through the talks but every thing went in vain," he said adding, "perhaps the university wouldn't open before the polls."

Facing the deadlock the Syndicate in its latest phase of the series of postponement suspended all the examinations scheduled for seven days till September 5 on the ground of "prevailing campus atmosphere".

With the latest postponement, a total of 3,69 examinations of different departments and institutes were deferred in the two spells of strikes.

On the 15th day of their second spell strike on Saturday leaders and supporters of JCD brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus.

From the rally in front of Arts Building the JCD leaders urged the President and Chancellor of universities justice Shahabuddin Ahmed to intervene in the DU issue.

"There's no scope to be silent on the Dhaka University crisis, said Monir Hossain, president of DU unit JCD.

On the other hand, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) also held a rally on the campus against the strike.

The university authorities will sit with Awami League's student wing Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) today (Sunday) for dialogues.