

Separation demanded

Students lock DU Parsian, Urdu Deptt

Students of Parsian and Urdu Department of Dhaka University on Saturday locked their classrooms demanding that the department be separated into two Parsian Department and Urdu Department, says UNB.

The students also threatened to enforce an indefinite strike in the department on Sunday to realise their demand.

They alleged that the DU authorities had assured them three months ago of meeting their demand in the face of a tough student movement.

They had also submitted a memorandum to Vice Chancellor Dr SMA Faiz and received assurance from him that their demand would be met within a week.

"The Syndicate and Coordination and Development Committee (C&D) in April had decided to separate the department, but the decision is yet to be implemented," Abu Tyeb Habildar, leader of the Parsian and Urdu Department Development Sangram Parisad told UNB.

According to the students of the department, they face various problems due to poor infrastructures of the department. "Classes of the department are hardly held regularly as it has only one classroom but two separate curricula.

"Even we have to share one seminar room. So we find it hard to perform our academic activities properly," said Tyeb.

Chairman of the department Dr Jafar Ahmed Bhuyian said separation of the department is also their demand.

"All teachers of my department have solidarity with the demand of the students."