

Vulnerable DU dormitories Evacuated students face mounting problems

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For the lack of available make-shift shelters, the emergency rehabilitation of the students of Dhaka University has been facing hindrance. It has been causing immense suffering to many evacuated students who took shelters in hall auditorium, mosque, provosts quarter and university's gymnasium.

The DU authorities at an emergency syndicate meeting took the decision to evacuate 600 students of three dormitories to safe places. These dormitories have been found vulnerable after the earthquake.

The highest decision-making body of the university also decided to take 200 students staying in 55 rooms of Mohsin Hall to the hall auditorium, university's gymnasium and provosts quarter of Shahidullah Hall.

The meeting also found it urgent to lift some 400 students of the east building of Jagannath Hall to other four buildings of the hall. The east building was declared risky after earthquake in 2006. It also suggested shifting of 50 female students of 'Honours Building' of Rokeya Hall to the Fayjunnesa Chhatri Nibash reserved for

the MPhil and Ph D. researchers of the university. The Honours Building was identified vulnerable to the earthquake in April last.

However, the DU authorities decided to repair some halls, especially Mohsin Hall, as these have developed more cracks. Some cracks were identified in the first floor of the hall after the earthquake at the early hours on Sunday last.

Meanwhile, problem has been created at Rokeya Hall as the students residing in Fayjunnesa Chhatri Nibash regretted the hall
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authorities decision to shift 50 students at the Hall from Honourse Building.

Students of the Honourse building complained that there were 29 empty rooms at Fayjunnesa Chhatri Nibash. But the residents of the Nibash do not allow the evacuated students. Even a student Farzana Yasmin who took helter at room no 201 of

Fayjunnesa Chhatri Nibash is now in great problem. She went out of the room carrying only her nurse to take breakfast. Now, she is not allowed to enter by the students of the room.

Prof. Lalla Nur Islam, provost of Rokeya Hall at a provost committee meeting on Tuesday requested the university authorities to address the problem immediately.

A five-member committee formed on July 1 asked the Rokeya Hall authorities to immediately lift the students of Honourse building which was identified as vulnerable.

Meanwhile, DU authorities has planned to start repairing work in different halls after getting the final report from the Bureau of Research Testing and Consultation (BRTC) of BUET.