

CA won't go to DU campus Senate Bhaban inaugural ceremony postponed

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In the face of protest from different student organisations, the Dhaka University (DU) authorities have postponed the inauguration ceremony of the university's Senate Bhaban scheduled to be held on April 10. For which the Chief Adviser Dr Fakhruddin Ahmed will not go to the campus.

DU Vice-chancellor Prof. SMA Faiz said that they have postponed the programme due to unavoidable circumstances. He said the authorities in consultation with the office of the Chief Adviser postponed the programme to avert any student unrest on the

campus.

The university campus had been in a tense situation for the last few days over the issue of inviting the CA to attend the programme as the chief guest. Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) demonstrated to protest the CA's visit on the campus. They declared the Chief Adviser persona non-grata on the campus and vowed to thwart his visit by any means.

BCL and JCD leaders welcomed the decision of the postponement of the inauguration ceremony. They urged the CA never come to

the DU campus. Teachers also suggested the CA not to inaugurate the Senate Bhaban.

JCD DU unit President Hasan Mamun said he welcomed the decision of the postponement of the programme. He said the teachers and students of the university were tortured in jail during their detention in connection with the August incident.

"How shameless he is that now he wants to inaugurate a building of the university!" He was nothing to do when four DU teachers and over a dozen of students of the

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university were put behind the bar, he said.

BCL DU unit President Sheikh Sohel Rana Tipu said the well-knownledge of the university has been on the surface with the cancellation of the programme.

Tipu reiterated his demand of the immediate release of AL President Sheikh Hasina, lifting of the state of emergency and handing over power to elected government through holding a free, fair and credible election.

Former DUTA President Prof. AAMS Arefin Siddique said the Senate Bhaban has been constructed years' back. A number of Academic Council meetings have already been held at the Bhaban.