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Call to lift emergency, hold polls DU teachers want quick govt-pol party dialogue

DU Correspondent

Teachers of Dhaka University (DU) on Monday urged the caretaker government to declare specific date for holding parliamentary polls by lifting the State of Emergency.

They hoped the government would sit for dialogue with political parties and hand over power to this elected representatives at the earliest through holding a free, fair and acceptable election in the country.

They demanded immediate unconditional release of two Former Prime Ministers Sheikh Hasina and Begum Khaleda Zia, Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) General Secretary Mahfuzul Haider Chowdhury Roton and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) President Azizul Bari Helal.

They made the call at a teachers-students-intellectual solidarity meeting at the foot of Aparajeya Bangla on the DU campus on Monday. "Student movement against repression", a platform of JCD organised the programme. The organisation accorded reception to the just freed teachers and students of the university.

Their other demands include withdrawal of all cases filed

against the teachers and students of Dhaka University in connection with the August 20-22 student unrest.

Four freed teachers and eight students, leaders and activists of different student organisations, teachers and students of the university were present at the meeting.

Teachers expressed the hope the government would lift the

emergency on the occasion of International Mother Language Day on February 21 to ensure academic atmosphere in all educational institutions across the country.

Prof. Anwar Hossain said "An exercise had always beside the present caretaker government," terming the CG is a dual government. Anwar Hossain also

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Secretary of DUTA urged the government to immediately release two former Prime Ministers Sheikh Hasina and Khaleda Zia.

He said that the voice of Dhaka University is the voice of whole nations. He demanded withdrawal of the state of emergency and declare specific date of general election. He also demanded immediate dialogue between political parties, and the government.

Prof. Sadrul Amin, President of DUTA and Dean of Arts Faculty said that the government had assured to release us with dignity. But nothing happened as per commitment. The government on the contrary convicted the teachers and students of DU. He lamented.

"The government compelled the teachers and students to launch movement," he said.

Prof. Harun-or-Rashid, Dean of Social Science Faculty said that the DU teachers did not commit any crime during the August movement, as they stood by the oppressed students as guardians.

Prof. Ntm Chandra also the Chairman of Applied Physics and Electronics Department said that he would appeal in the Supreme Court (SC) against the court verdict. He sought cooperation from the government in this regard.

"It has been proved in last one year of the caretaker regime that a democratic government should be needed in the greater interest of the nation, he said.