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Charges of violating EPR

4 DU teachers, 11 students acquitted

A court in Dhaka on Monday acquitted four Dhaka University teachers and 11 students of the charges of violating Emergency Power Rules (EPR) by instigating students to engage in violent protests on the university campus in August last year, reports UNB.

The court, however, convicted four absconding students and sentenced them to two years' imprisonment in the same case filed with Shahbagh police station on August 23.

Judge Md Habibur Rahman

Siddiqui of the Dhaka Metropolitan and Speedy Trial Court handed down the verdict in his crowded court. The judge also fined each of the convicted students Tk 1,000, in default, to suffer one month more in jail.

The four acquitted teachers are Dhaka University Teachers' Association President Prof. Sadrul Amin, General Secretary Prof. Anwar Hossain, Social Sciences Faculty Dean Prof. Harun-or-Rashid and Applied Physics and Electronics department chairman

Prof. Neem Chandra Bhowmick.

The four absconding students awarded imprisonment are Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) DU unit president Hasan Al-Mamun, general secretary Saiful Islam Feroz, activist Kamrul Islam Kochi and Azizul Hasan.

On August 20, a violent student protest broke out on the Dhaka University campus following a brawl between an army man and a student during a soccer match at the university's playground.

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The protest later spread to other educational institutions in the city and elsewhere across the country, and continued for a few days, resulting in imposition of curfew and shutting down of all educational institutions in major cities.