

Students continue agitation on the campus

Positive decision on held teachers likely Jan 21: DUVC

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A positive decision is likely on January 21 regarding the much talked about release of the detained teachers and students of Dhaka University (DU), said Vice-

chancellor Prof. SMA Faiz on Saturday.

Education Adviser will sit with the DU VC and take a final decision in this regard, he told the

newsmen at his office after a meeting with Chief Adviser Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed on the current campus situation at CA's office on (See Page 15 Col. 2)

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Saturday.

Chief of Army Staff General Moeen U Ahmed, Foreign Affairs Adviser Dr. Iftekhar Ahmed Chowdhury, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Ministry and DGFI, DGN officials were present at the one and a half hours meeting.

The VC hoped that the university would overcome the crisis after the verdict in the case involving the August 20-22 students unrest on the campus.

He said that the government would not see the university as competitor. The government is keeping close-watch on the campus situation. "We discussed all the issues sincerely", he added.

Meanwhile, agitating students of DU continued their protests on the DU campus despite being closed for the Ashura holiday on Saturday. About 100 students carrying banners and placards silently marched around the campus on the day.

They staged a cultural programme at the premises of DU Central Library demanding immediate unconditional release of the detained teachers and students and withdrawal of all cases filed against them in connection with the August 20-22 student unrest in and around the campus.

Leaders and activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) student wing of BNP under the banner "Anti-repression student movement" brought out a silent procession on the campus. They vowed to go for tougher movement if the detainees are not freed immediately.

Students of Bio-Chemistry and Micro-Biology Science Department of DU brought out a silent procession on the campus demanding release of the detained teachers and students of the university.

Human chain at BUET

Students of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) on Saturday formed a 'human chain' in front of BUET cafeteria demanding release of detained teachers and students of DU. About 40 students of BUET thronged on the campus carrying different placards inscribed with their demands. Staging a demonstration, they expressed their soli-

arity with the students of Dhaka University.

A written statement from them said "If the teachers and students are not released in the near future, students of BUET will announce further programmes along with other educational institutions across the country."

Earlier, 'Student against repression' an outfit of the left leaning student organisation announced fresh agitation programme through a news conference to realize their demand.

As part of agitation they will stage cultural programme at the premises of DU Central Library today (Sunday), sit-in in front of the VC's office on January 21, 'human chain' in all educational institutions on January 22 and boycott of classes in all educational institutions across the country for two hour on January 23. They will also boycott classes for two hours until the release of the teachers and their fellow students.

"Chhatra Bandhu" a platform of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and JSD backed BCL will continue to boycott classes, express solidarity rally and stage sit-in-demonstration on the DU campus.

On the other hand, teachers of Pro-Awami League (Blue Panel) and teachers of left leaning (Pink Panel) of DU will observe a token strike on January 21. If the detainees are not released by January 22, they will stage a solidarity demonstration on January 23 along with the guardians of the detained students.

They said that they would not to take part in the upcoming admission tests scheduled for February 1 and 8 if the Deans are not released. They decided to raise fund for the treatment of the detainees.