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Election unlikely on Jan 15 DUTA leadership blamed for dilly dallying

Uncertainty shrouds over holding of the election of the Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) slated for January 15, reports UNB.

Sources said, disagreement among different groups of DU teachers over issues like the DUTA's stand on the release of the arrested teachers and students has pushed the teachers' association towards uncertainty.

The DUTA has already failed to hold its executive committee election-2008 by the end of December 2007.

According to the DUTA constitution, it has to arrange election before the end of the year and a new committee has to take over on the first day of a New Year.

Asked about the fate of the election, DUTA's acting president Prof. Dr Tajmeri S. Islam said she is not sure whether or not the election will be held on January 15.

"I am not really very sure that the election will be held on January 15 as we didn't yet get the government's permission to arrange the election," she said.

Asked why the permission could not be received, Prof. Tajmeri shifted the responsibility to DUTA election commissioner Prof. Dr Badrunnahar. "The election commissioner is the person who should seek officially the government's permission. As far as I know, the permission was not given yet," she said.

Meanwhile, DUTA executive committee member Prof. Dr

AAMS Arefin Siddique blamed the acting DUTA president and general secretary for present uncertainty over the election.

"Their conspiracies are being unfolded now," he said, adding that on November 24 last year they had decided first to hold the election on December 30. But the general members were not informed about the date. Then, they said that the election will be held on January 15.