

7 DU students still face army car torching case

'University Black Day' tomorrow

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Seven students of Dhaka University (DU) are still facing a case filed in connection with the three-day (August 20-22) campus unrest in 2007 although five other cases related to this incident were either withdrawn or disposed of.

The seven students, charged with army car torching case at Shahbagh intersection on August 22, have to appear before the court as per its order hampering their academic life.

"We are passing our days in great uncertainty. All the cases filed against us have been withdrawn, but this one has been continuing even after two years of the incident," said Deen Islam Angel, an accused student.

- On August 20, students resorted to demonstration after some law enforcing agency men beat up a student during a football match on DU

central playground. It continued for three days and triggered nationwide protests.

Six cases were filed with several police stations around the DU campus in connection with the unrest accusing several thousand unidentified students.

Of the six cases, three were withdrawn, two disposed of, and one still remains under trial.

The army car torching case was filed against 25 people, names of 18 of them were dropped from the charge sheet.

Meanwhile, teachers, students and the administration have chalked out a series of programmes to observe 'University Black Day' tomorrow protesting law enforcement agencies' torture on thousands of students and teachers during and after the

violence. Different student organisations will also hold protest programmes on the campus

demanding withdrawal of the army car torching case against the seven students.

They are Deen Islam Angel, a student of mass communication and journalism, Deen Islam of accounting, Zahidul Islam Biplob who finished his MBA recently, Asaduzzaman Asad of mathematics, Rafiqul Islam Sujon of Islamic studies, Rashedul Habib of Sanskrit and Abul Hasan of Arabic.

In connection with the violence, four teachers and eight students were arrested and they were behind the bars for about five months.

Later, they were released in the wake of silent and peaceful student movement.

Meanwhile, the parliamentary standing committee on education ministry has recommended to the authorities concerned to reinvestigate the unrest and torture on teachers and students.

The committee also condemned the torture on teachers and students.