



DU female, male students banned from free mixing

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In an attempt to "revive university's image", the Dhaka University authorities recently imposed restrictions on free-mixing of male and female students as well as smoking on the campus.

The authorities in a statement expressed concern at free-mixing of male-female students and chatting at different places on the campus in "objectionable gestures". Terming it a social nuisance, the DU authorities cautioned the students that if anyone is found in an objectionable posture after sunset, he or she would be handed over to police.

The authorities also declared the university's Teacher-Student Center (TSC) a non-smoking zone.

The decisions generated mixed reactions among teachers and students of the university. A good number of students, however, gladly accepted the decisions, but some of them expressed strong resentment.

The authorities want to take the university back to early 20s when prior permission was needed for a male student to talk with his female classmate, said Farzana, a resident of Rokeya Hall and added, the authorities' attitude creates a doubt among the female students that whether the "sunset-law" would be revived.

"Most of those who are seen in objectionable postures, come from outside the campus. The authorities' so-called declaration of crusade against obscenity has just defamed us to our guardians," said Sultana, a resident of Bangladesh-Kuwait Moitree Hall.

"I received several phone calls from my relatives after the news was published. If they really want to restore the image of the university, they should take pragmatic steps, not merely to utter tall-talks to the Press," observed Putul who recently completed her graduation.