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DU classes to resume Sept 12

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Dhaka University will resume its academic activities on September 12 after 46 days of closure due to turmoil surrounding police action on Shamsunnahar Hall.

Former vice-chancellor Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury, using the power vested upon him, closed the university *sine die*, vacating the dormitories on July 27, to quell the unprecedented outburst of general students as a backlash to the Shamsunnahar Hall incidents.

After reviewing the present campus situation, the university Syndicate, in an emergency meeting on Thursday, finalised the date for opening the university on September 12 and the halls on September 8.

The authorities will unlock the gates of the resident dormitories at 10:00 am on September 8 before the resumption of classes.

The process of re-entering of the authorised residents of the halls will be formulated at the meeting of the Provost Standing Committee scheduled for Sunday, official sources said.

The Syndicate urged the concerned authorities for withdrawing the cases filed against the students

and teachers relating the July 23 incidents in Shamsunnahar Hall and its backlashes.

So far the authorities found five cases were filed against the teachers and students. Police filed four of those and a 'controversial' leader of Chhatra Dal filed the rest one.

The Syndicate members said if the reopening was delayed till withdrawal of the cases, it would throw the university to an uncertainty. As most of the demands were met, the agitated students would consider the procedural delay in these cases, said a member on the ongoing movement of the students.

The university's executive body also urged the teachers, students, guardians, student bodies, political parties, and officials and employees of the university to extend their all out support for ensuring congenial academic atmosphere on the campus.

"The Syndicate took a few days time before resuming classes for the students those live in remote areas of the country," a member said.

The sudden closure of the university and vacating residential dormitories triggered further agitation

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among the students and that led the former VC and Proctor stepping out of their offices.

The unnecessary closure has already threw the students to a session jam of at least six to seven months, said a departmental chairman. "We've to work hard to recover the losses," he said.

Many students gathered on the deserted campus expressed their satisfaction as they came to know as closure is reaching to an end.

"I've to live here and there 10 days more, but it's a matter of relief for me that the halls will open soon," said a student.