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DU under siege

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An "undeclared curfew" was imposed in Dhaka University from Wednesday to make subdued any possible students' demonstration all over the campuses of DU and Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

Police would allow no gathering, rally and procession neither use of loud speakers nor even vehicular movement on the campus since Wednesday noon, an action that had been forced "to avert any untoward incident."

Wednesday was the scheduled day for holding a solidarity meeting of students, teachers, and guardians demanding immediate reopening of the university. The police restriction barred the organisers, Students Against Repression (SAR), from holding the programme.

Additional security forces were deployed at the Central Shaheed Minar, Teachers' and Students' Centre (TSC) and Aparajeyo Bangla area to prevent the students from holding any kind of gathering.

Acting DU Vice Chancellor Prof AFM Yusuf Haider said the university authorities did not know anything about police restrictions on the campus. And the police version is that the restrictions were imposed under Section 29 of Dhaka Metropolitan Police Ordinance.

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