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DU situation to get worse if detainees not released

The pent-up mood on the Dhaka University campus is apprehended to explode anytime if the government fails to release the detained teachers and students as per demand of the teachers, students, reports UNB.

Campus sources said the aggrieved teachers and students are now waiting for a positive response from the government to their five-day ultimatum to withdraw the cases against the teachers and students and free them in

a dignified way.

Meanwhile, several hundreds of students, teachers and guardians of the arrested students Tuesday held a solidarity meeting at the foot of Aparajeya Bangla, demanding immediate release of the teachers and students.

Prof Mesbah Kamal, Prof MM Akash, Prof Saduddin, and a Professor of California State University of the USA Alex Grasdovoski and guardians of the arrested students, among others, joined

the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, Prof Mesbah Kamal said the teachers and students did not commit any crime as they had taken to the streets driven by their conscience.

Prof Saduddin said any force in the name of trial could not be tolerated and the government must withdraw the cases to release the teachers and students ensuring their dignity.

The speakers said if the gov-
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ernment does not release them, the roadmap for the next general election might be in serious trouble.

As part of the five-day protest programmes, students of Dramatics Department also continued to stage street dramas to press for the demand.

Meanwhile, Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) will sit in an emergency requisition meeting at 6pm tomorrow (Wednesday) to chalk out their plans to ensure the release of the teachers and students.

DUTA is expected to declare tough programmes from the requisition meeting to realise their demand.