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## No undignified process to release DU detainees will be acceptable

Dhaka University teachers and students on Monday said their detained colleagues and fellowmen must be freed by withdrawing the cases filed against them by the government following the

August 20-22 student movement on and around the campus, reports UNB.

They said if the government wants to release the detainees through any undignified process

without withdrawing the cases, then it would not be acceptable to the university teachers and students.

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release the teachers and students will be acceptable to the teachers and students. The cases will have to be withdrawn and the teachers and students have to be released unconditionally," acting Dean of Social Sciences Faculty Prof Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique told UNB.

Prof Arefin said Sunday's statement of Education Adviser Dr Hossain Zillur Rahman about the release of the teachers and students did not make it clear that the DU detainees would be freed through a dignified process.

He further said the government could withdraw all the cases using its executive power.

"We know about the separation of the judiciary. We're respectful to any court verdict. Then the government can use its executive power to ensure dignity of the teachers and students by withdrawing all the cases," Prof Arefin said.

Meanwhile, the DU students continued their street agitation, demanding immediate and unconditional release of their teachers and fellowmen.

As part of their five-day programme, they staged street dramas and held a solidarity rally on the campus.

Speaking on the occasions, the students said nothing but unconditional release of the teachers and students would be acceptable to them.

"Our demand is only unconditional release by withdrawing the cases. The Education Adviser and our VC's statements on the issue couldn't make us happy. It's still uncertain and unclear when and how our teachers and friends will be released," said a student organiser wishing anonymity.

Meanwhile, hearing of the cases No 53 and 54 was held Monday. The lawyers defending the accused said it would take a long time to have a solution to the present crisis through the present legal process.