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Boycott of classes, demos continue Held DU teachers, students to be freed soon: VC

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The detained teachers and students of Dhaka University (DU) are likely to be set free in a tentative week, said Vice-chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. SMA Faiz on Sunday.

"The government has decided to release the detained teachers and students," he told the newsmen after meeting with the Chief Adviser Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed at his office.

Meanwhile, students of DU under the banner 'student against repression' gave the government a five-day ultimatum to release all the detained teachers and students. They will observe a four-day class abstention program from January 14 to 17 between

11am and 1pm.

They decided to hold a student-teacher solidarity rally on January 15 and will form a human chain on January 17. They said that responsibilities would go to the government for any 'untoward situation on the campus if the detained teachers and students were not freed within January 18.

On Sunday, they continued boycotting of classes for two hours and staged a silent procession on DU campus demanding immediate unconditional release of the detained teachers and students and withdrawal of all cases filed against them in connection with the August 20-22 student unrest.

As part of the program, they ob-

served a 'solidarity demonstration' and 'protest cultural program' at the foot of Aparajeya Bangla to press home their two-point demand. They took signatures from the participating students to gear up their movement.

"Students against Repression" a platform of left leaning student organization and "Chhatra Bandhu", a platform of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) led the programmes.

The students of Fine Arts Institute also expressed their active solidarity. They painted the crawling surrounding the campus with Protibad Campus (Protest Campus). On the other hand, a group of students of DU brought

out a protest rally and sieged the roads leading to Curzon Hall area.

Meanwhile, five teachers of DU expressed their solidarity with the

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DU Teachers

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students. They are Prof. MM Akash of Economics Department, Prof. Akmal Hossain of International Relations Department, Prof. Md. Anwar Hossain of Microbiology Department Prof. Muhammad Samad of Social Welfare and Research Institute and Associate Professor Mesbah Kamal of History Department.