

## DU classes resume students, teachers wear black badges

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Report

Demanding immediate release of detained teachers and students, the teachers of Dhaka University (DU) led by Dhaka University teachers' Association (DUTA) took classes wearing black badges on the first day of opening of the university after Eid and winter vacation on Tuesday.

The university reopened on Tuesday after 24 days of Eid and winter vacation. The university campus buzz with teachers and students wearing black badges to demand the release of detained teachers and students. However, teachers belonging to the Pro-BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami were not seen wearing black badges.

As part of their two days agitation programme, they will observe a silent sit-in today (Wednesday) at Aparajeya Bangla on the university campus from 11.00am to 12.00pm on the same issue. They said that they would continue their agitation programme until release of their colleagues.

However, as many as 30 to 35 students of DU under the banner 'students against repression' staged midday silent demonstration on the university campus wearing black ribbons on Tuesday demanding release of the teachers and students. A section of students likely to launch agitation programme within a few days over the teachers and students issue.

On the other hand, Chhatra Shagran Parisad (CSP) an alliance of 14-party backed also demanded immediate release of detained teachers and students. In a statement, they said that it is necessary to release the teachers and students to ensure congenial academic atmosphere on the university campus. The signatories in the statement are Coordinator of CSP Mahmud Hasan Ripon, Abul Kalam Azad, Shariful Kabir Swapan and Sazzad Hossain.

Acting President of DUTA Prof.  
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Tazmeri SA Islam told the Bangladesh Observer that this is not a DUTA programme. Some teachers are observing the programme being backed by a particular party.

Dr. M. Matur Rahman of Philosophy department said that the teachers and students are observing the programme with partisan affluence demanding the release of the detained teachers and students. I have wore a black badge to express my solidarity with them, he said

Earlier, the government had promised to release the teachers and students by December 23 but nothing happened as per the commitment.

Four teachers and 15 students of the university are now in jail. They were arrested following the August 20-22 student violence in