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Meet with DU VC

**Detained teachers  
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says British MP**

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The detained teachers and students of Dhaka University (DU) might be released soon through legal procedures, visiting British Conservative Party MP Ms. Anne Main told newsmen after a meeting with DU VC on Sunday. The teachers were arrested following the August 20-22 student unrest in and around the campus.

"Teaching is a respectful profession and there should be freedom of expression, protest and discussion," Anne, who is on a week-long private visit in Dhaka said.

Replying to a query, "We hope that the state of emergency would be lifted as early as possible as freedom of political speeches is important for holding free and fair elections."

The DU Vice-chancellor said that the detained teachers and students would be released soon through legal means. Pro-Vice-chancellor Prof. AFM Yusuf Haider, Dean of Law Faculty Prof. Borhanuddin and Proctor Dr. AK Firoz were present at the meeting.

However, official sources said that positive decision would be taken on their releases as the deposition process is now near the ending phase.

Meanwhile, a group of students of DU gave the government an ultimatum till January 7 for releasing the detained teachers and students. They vowed to go for tougher movement if they are not freed by the time.