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**BREAKING EPR
 DU student tells
 of Prof Anwar's
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A Dhaka University (DU) student yesterday accused Dhaka University Teachers' Association (Duta) General Secretary Prof Anwar Hossain and several students of making provocative speeches and damaging vehicles on August 21-22 last year.

The fourth-year student of Social Welfare and Research Institute, Dewan Safayet Ahmed, did not say anything against Duta President Prof Sadrul Amin, Science Faculty Dean Prof Harun-Rashid and applied physics department Chairman Prof Neem Chandra Bhowmik.

Safayet was giving statement at the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate's court in two cases filed against four teachers and 15 students for breaching the Emergency Power Rules (EPR) on

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August 21-22 when violence erupted on the campus and adjacent areas following a scuffle between a student and an army person on August 20.

A senior reporter of private television channel ETV, Kanak Sarwar, also gave statement in the same cases but did not say anything against the teachers and students.

Chief Metropolitan Magistrate AKM Enamul Haque recorded the statements of the two witnesses as Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Golam Rabbani, who is conducting the trial, was on leave yesterday.

In his statement, Safayet told the court that following the scuffle between the student and the army person on the DU playground, students from different DU halls gathered there in the evening and surrounded the army camp on the DU campus.

Naming Hassan Mahmud, Saiful Islam Firoz, Shamsul Kabir Jiku and Quamruzzaman as being present there, Safayet said there were attacks and counter attacks between the students and the policemen.

A group of students gathered at the Arts Faculty building the next day and torched an effigy in front of Rokeya Hall. Then they marched towards Shahbagh and Nilkhet and damaged vehicles, Safayet stated.

The witness said in the afternoon the same day he went to the Duta office where a general meeting was going on. He saw Duta President Prof Sadrul Amin coming out of the office.

On August 22, Duta leaders and students, wearing black badges, gathered at Aparajeyo Bangla and brought out a silent procession. It ended at the Central Shaheed Minar where Prof Anwar gave a speech, the prosecution witness said.

In his statement, Kanak Sarwar told the court that he was on duty in DU area on August 20 or 21 and saw students bringing out a procession and holding a rally. He saw police charging batons on the procession and throwing teargas shells.

After a few days of the incident,

the ETV authority handed over a CD to the investigation officer of the case, Sub-Inspector Sirajul Islam, in his presence. Kanak said he signed a white paper for the seizure list.

In reply to a question, Kanak told the court that the investigation officer did not interrogate him about the incident and he did not know what contained in the CD seized by the police from his office.

The court then fixed January 7 for next hearing of the case.

The four teachers were permitted to sit on a bench in the dock during yesterday's hearing.

On August 22, the cases were filed against some 6,000 unnamed students and teachers of DU and outsiders for violating the EPR, vandalising public and private properties, obstructing the police from discharging their duties, and assaulting law enforcers on the campus and in adjacent areas.

But the police pressed charges on September 9 against four teachers and 15 students of the university for instigating violence on the campus and in Shahbagh area on August 21-22.