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## Detained DU teachers, students to be freed soon legally

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The detained teachers and students of Dhaka University (DU) might be released soon through legal procedures. They were arrested following the August 20-22 student unrest in and around the campus.

It is expected that the university would be able to overcome the present crisis in mid-January with the release of the detained teachers and students. They would be freed under legal system following no response from their families in making appeal seeking the withdrawal of the cases and for not submitting petition seeking bails.

Official sources said that positive decision would be taken on their releases as the deposition process is now at the ending phase.

However, a section of progressive teachers of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) plans to go for agitation programmes demanding release of detained teachers and students.

The proposed agitation programmes included a seven-day ultimatum for release of the detained colleagues, wearing black badges on January 8 in case of (See Page 15 Col. 5)

## DU VC holds talks with DGFI over release of teachers, students

Vice-chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Dr SMA Faiz held a meeting with Director General of

Forces Intelligence Brigadier General ATM Amin at his office on Tuesday, as a new crisis kept simmering over release of the detained DU teachers and students, reports UNB

Sources said the matter of release of the teachers and students held amid the recent campus rioting was discussed during the meeting.

Talking to reporters, the DU VC said they discussed the issue of the detained teachers and students, focusing on a way out of the crisis that cropped up following their arrest.

## Detain teachers

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their demand not met and staging silent protest on January 9. They urged the DUTA to implement their proposed programmes to release the detained teachers and students.

Meanwhile, they gave the government a seven-day ultimatum till January 8 for releasing the detained colleagues. If their colleagues and students are not freed by the time, they threatened to go for tougher movement.

The government had promised to release the teachers and students by December 23 but nothing happened as per the commitment. Now we have given the government seven days time to live up to its words, or else we under the banner of Association will sit for further programmes seeking the release of the teachers and students, said AAMS Arefin Siddique, a former President of DUTA.

It may be mentioned, the government promised that the teachers and students would be released just after Eid-ul-Azha. Now the government is being accused by the DUTA of breaking its promise.