

DU Syndicate decision June 12

Vulnerable Rokeya Hall bldg faces demolition

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The fate of the 'Honours Building' of Rokeya Hall of Dhaka University (DU) is depending on upcoming syndicate meeting of the university scheduled to be held on June 12, where the building would be demolished or not.

The DU authorities on May 26 at a syndicate meeting on May 26 have declared the 'Honours Building' hazardous and proposed to reconstruct a new 10-storied building at the same place.

The five-member committee formed to examine the building as it was found vulnerable to earthquake. The committee recently submitted a report to the authorities saying the building is vulner-

able and cannot be repaired. The committee recommended demolishing the building and constructed a new one.

The Hall authorities asked 111 students residing at present in 38 rooms of the two-storied 'Honours Building' to vacate it as soon as possible. The authorities have accommodated few rooms at different buildings of the Hall especially Chameli Building (4th floor) for the students of the building.

But the students claimed that the Hall authorities have asked them to leave the building without arranging proper accommodation facilities for them. They said that most of them are honours final

year and masters' students residing in a single bed. As their examination were going on now it was not practically possible for them to leave the building immediately.

They also alleged that the hall provost informed them about the authorities' decision to vacate the building on June 1. They said many students left the dormitory for home during the summer vacation of the university which began on June 1.

About 80 students of Rokeya Hall on Tuesday met DU Vice-chancellor Prof. SMA Faiz and Registrar Rejaur Rahman at their offices at 10:30am to press home

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their demand. They demanded the authorities of arranging adequate alternative accommodation for them before they could leave the building. The VC and the Registrar assured the students of meeting their demand.

DU VC said we issued a notice through executive order to the students to vacate the 'Honours Building' as shortest possible of time. We also asked the Hall authorities to arrange proper alternative accommodation for the affected students in other buildings of the Hall.