

## BUET teachers to call off protests

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BANGLADESH University of Engineering and Technology who have been on strike since April 7 on Friday said that they would call off their protests as the prime minister, Sheikh Hasina, had assured them of looking into their demands.

'We have given the prime minister our word to return to classes as she assured us of resolving the crisis. We will make a formal decision at a general meeting of teachers' association tomorrow on ending the strike,' Asharaful Islam, the BUET Teachers' Association general secretary, said coming out of the meeting with the prime minister on Friday.

A 12-member delegation of the teachers' association met Hasina in the evening at her residence Ganabhaban.

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education secretary, Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury, and the association president, Mujibur Rahman, briefed reporters on the decision.

The teachers are on strike demanding the resignation of the vice-chancellor, SM Nazrul Islam, and the pro-vice-chancellor, M Habibur Rahman, over political recruitment and corruption in the administration. There have been no academic activities in the university since April 7.

Students have suffered for 28 days as classes and academic activities were not held.

Some students also formed human chains demanding regular classes but teachers did not go to classes saying that they were on strike to save the university.