

BUET classes resume on Saturday

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BUET classes resume on Saturday ending a five-month stalemate at the prestigious Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology.

The decision to resume class room teaching was

announced on Saturday by vice chancellor SM Nazrul Islam and BUET Teachers Association.

Academic activities were disrupted at BUET since April 7 as the teachers and students were rallying on

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the demand of removal of vice-chancellor SM Nazrul Islam and pro-vice-chancellor Habibur Rahman.

Following an executive committee meeting the teachers' association general secretary Ashraful Islam told New Age that the teachers would take classes and resume other academic activities on Saturday.

He said that after the government removed the Pro VC and withdrew the cases against the teachers and the students the teachers expected that it would change

the BUET administration in a day or two.

The government took the actions following the assurance education minister Nurul Islam Nahid gave to BUET teachers and students at separate meeting on September 3 and 5.

Nahid also assured the teachers and the students that a decision regarding removal of the VC would be taken later.

Ashraf said that the teachers were firm on their stand for the removal of the VC.

'We very much expect that that the government

would take a decision in this regard without wasting time.'

Meanwhile, vice chancellor Nazrul Islam told New Age that BUET deans' committee had prepared a new academic calendar to restart classes on Saturday.

All the five deans attended the meeting.

BUET students said they would now go back to their classes.

The BUET stalemate began on April 7 when the teachers' sit-ins and class boycott started bringing 16 allegations against the VC

and the Pro VC. The students and university officials joined the agitations in mid-July.

The protesters began rallying on July 11 demanding removal of the VC and the Pro VC after the VC closed BUET on the night of July 10.

The VC's decision to shut down BUET drew immediate strong protests with all the five deans and the 17 heads of department and directors of three institutes of the university submitting their resignations on July 11.