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## Rallies, processions around DU VC house banned

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After a week of Firoz killing that led to the present impasse in the Dhaka University, the authorities on Friday asked the law-enforcers to arrest the killers and take immediate action against them.

The University Syndicate at an emergency meeting on Friday urged all concerned to help restore congenial atmosphere so that the present stalemate that is seriously hampering academic activities of the university could be resolved through dialogues.

Against the backdrop of JCD's announcement to gherao the VC House today (Saturday), the Syndicate meeting in a resolution imposed ban on holding rallies and processions around the VC House and the Administrative Building.

BNP's student wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), still enforcing a non-stop strike in the university, announced their programme to cordon the VC's House at a rally on Wednesday demanding the Vice Chancellor's resignation.

Firoz Ahmed, a hall unit leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), was gunned down inside his room at Ziaur Rahman Hall on August 17 noon. The killing sparked off violent clashes between the supporters of BCL and JCD. The BCL men ousted most of the JCD activists on the day from their dormitories.

The meeting decided to compensate the students injured in the clashes between BCL and JCD following the killing of Firoz.

Chaired by Vice-Chancellor Prof. AK Azad Chowdhury the Friday's meeting also extended the time of submitting report of Firoz killing incident for seven days more to the probe body that was formed a week ago. The Syndicate also asked the committee to investigate into the incidents of ransacking, arson and other incidents of violence as a backlash to the killing of Firoz.

The committee earlier heard witnesses including resident students, hall staff and house tutors. The hall administration filed a general diary with the Ramna police.

Referring to the sufferings of 15,000 examinees, the Syndicate urged the strike-callers to keep the examinations, library, office and transports out of the purview of their non-stop strike.

The university plunged into at least eight months of session jam due to postponement of examinations of 296 papers of different departments and institutes, the Syndicate said and hoped the strike callers would response to the appeal considering the cause of the common students.

Meanwhile, the Syndicate expressed concern over the police authorities' reluctance to reinstate the bodyguards of the Vice Chancellor and Proctor.