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DU dormitories reopen amid tight security

Release of held teachers under govt consideration

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The government is likely to consider the release of the detained university teachers before the resumption of academic activities at Dhaka University (DU) on October 28. In a bid to restore congenial atmosphere on the campus.

Four teachers of Dhaka University were arrested on charge of provoking student violence in the campus. They are President of DUTA and Dean of Arts Faculty Prof. Sadrul Amin, General Secretary of DUTA Prof. Dr. Anwar Hos-

sain, Dean of Social Science Faculty Prof. Hanun-or-Rushid and Provost of Jagannath Hall Prof. Nim Chandra Bhawmik.

Another seven teachers of Rajshahi University were arrested on charge of same allegation. The RU opens tomorrow (Thursday)

The DU authorities, civil society thinkers and observers opined that to bring in a total normalcy in the campus, the arrested teachers should be freed before the resumption of academic activities.

'Blue panel' teachers of DU met

Vice-chancellor of Dhaka University, Prof. SMA Faiz and requested him to take necessary initiative for release of the detained teachers. They expressed the concern that without releasing the arrested teachers, the campus might not get back its normal atmosphere.

DU VC however could not give any assurance in this regard. "I can't give any assurance about release of the detained teachers. It's not relevant to the reopening of the University," he told the newsmen adding that the process

of releasing the detained teachers was however underway.

"The university authorities is continuing discussions with the government in this regard and the administration is very sincere about the issue" he further said.

On September 16, the syndicate members of DU met Chief Advisor Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed and discussed about the release of the four teachers of the university. The Chief Advisor also gave them assurance in this regard.

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DU dormitories

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Meanwhile, all the 17 male and female dormitories of DU opened on Tuesday after two months of closure following student unrest on the campus.

Hundreds of residential students, coming from far-flung areas, were seen waiting with their luggage in front of 17 halls.

The dormitories were opened for the students at 10:00am amid tight security. The hall authorities allowed the residential students after checking their identity cards. The students were seen embracing each other when they gathered in front of their respective dormitories in the morning.