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DU probe body report tomorrow Ban on teacher-student politics recommended

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The Judicial Inquiry Commission formed to probe into August 20-22 student violence on Dhaka University (DU) campus will submit its report tomorrow (Thursday) with a set of recommendations which include banning teachers student politics to ensure congenial academic atmosphere on the university campus.

The Commission will submit its report to the Chief Adviser Dr. Fakhruddin Ahmed. A total of 30 recommendations including 15 for teachers and the rest ones for the students in the 16 pages long report. But the reports would not

have any specific recommendation about releasing the detained teachers and students.

According to Commission sources, the Commission will recommend for amendment of 1973 university ordinance and political party regulation Act 1976. The Commission will recommend through its reports developing quality of education.

Ban on student politics, regulating teacher and student politics, restarting the process of Dhaka University Central Student Union (DUCSU) and Hall Unions election, amending of proctorial law,

banning demonstrations and meetings on the university campus and building up healthy relations between the university and Army camp will also be the part of the recommendations.

After long two and half a months of investigation, the Commission found that the violence broke out several times at DU and other public universities due to slavish teacher student politics.

It may be mentioned that four teachers of DU and JCD President were arrested on charge of pro-
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voking student protest on DU campus on August 20-22. They are Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) President and Dean of Arts Faculty Prof. Sadrul Amin, DUTA General Secretary Prof. Anwar Hossain, Dean of Social Science

Faculty Prof. Harun-or-Rashid, Chairman of Applied Physics Department Prof. Nimichandra Bhawnik and JCD President Azizul Bari Helal.

Six teachers of Rajshahi University (RU) were also arrested on charge of violating Emergency Power Rules (EPR) through holding protest procession and instigating campus violence on August 21-22. They are former RU Vice-chancellor Dr. M Saidur Rahman, Syndicate member Dr. M Abdus Sobhan, Prof. Moloy Bhawnik, Prof. Dulal Chandra Biswas, Prof. Syed Selim Reza Newton and Prof. Abdullah Al Mamun.

The one-member Commission was formed on August 25 headed by former Supreme Court Judge Justice Habibur Rahman Khan. The Commission started their investigation on August 28. The Commission has so far took deposition of 110 persons including university teachers, students and senior Army and police officials. They included Chief of General Staff of Army Major. Gen. Sina Ibn Jamall, DU Vice-chancellor Prof. SMA Falz, DU Pro-Vice-chancellor Prof. AFM Yusuf Haider, DU Treasurer Syed Abul Kalam Azad, DU Proctor AK Firoz, DGFI officer Brig. Gen. Fazlul Bari and Brig. Gen. Abdul Hakim, detained four DU teachers, President of JCD and Mehedi Hasan of Public Administration Department of DU.

On the other hand, eminent lawyer Dr. Kamal Hossain, former Vice-chancellor of DU Prof. Maniruzzaman Min and Prof. Emazuddin Ahnied, former Adviser to the Caretaker Government Advocate Sultana Kamal, Commandant of National Defense Staff College Lt. Gen. Abu Talob Md. Zahurul Alam and Chairman of Asiatic Society Prof. Sirajul Islam, placed their views on the incidents to the Commission.