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DU situation tense

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Campus situation deteriorated further as two rival student organisations — Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) failed to reach any consensus over the Surya Sen Hall of Dhaka University on Friday.

Both the BCL and JCD met twice with Vice-Chancellor Prof. A.K. Azad Chowdhury in the chair at his residence to resolve the issue but failed to take any decision as they were rigid on their stands.

At the meeting the Chhatra League leaders said all the residential students irrespective of party affiliation would stay at the hall while the JCD leaders demanded ouster of those who occupied the hall on Thursday.

It may be mentioned that the BCL (S-P) members captured the Surya Sen Hall, a strong hold of JCD on Thursday. Earlier, two factions of JCD clashed over establishing supremacy at the hall in the morning the same day.

The sources said, the leaders of both the organisations were scheduled to sit for the third time with the VC at 9 p.m. Friday to find solution to the problem.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. A.K. Azad Chowdhury while talking to the reporters on Friday night expressed his optimism.

However, the JCD leaders vowed

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to observe student strike in the university from tomorrow (Sunday) for indefinite period if their demand for removal of the occupants of Surya Sen Hall was not met by today (Saturday).

Meanwhile, BCL leaders at a Press briefing said that the meeting failed to bring any result due to the one sided role of JCD leaders.

Those who took part in the meetings are: Enamul Haq Shamim, Iqbal Hossain Apu, Bahadur Bepary, Sujit Roy Nandi and Abdul Wadud Khokon from BCL (S-P) and Shahiduddin Chowdhury Ani, Habib-un-Nabi Sohel, ABM Mosharraf Hossain, Monir Hossain and Nasiruddin Washim from JCD.

DU clarification

BSS adds: Dhaka University authorities on Friday categorically said that only the provosts and house tutors in presence of the Vice-Chancellor had examined the identity cards of the students during their entry into Surya Sen Hall on Thursday.

In a statement issued on Friday, the Dhaka University authorities had castigated a news report in a section of the press on Friday which said that terrorists, the police and house tutors had together in presence of the Vice-Chancellor examined the identity cards of the students.

The statement said such report was motivated, concocted, malicious and designed to create confusion among the members of the general mass. It also said that the Vice-Chancellor after supervising the examination of identity cards by the provosts and house tutors had gone to his office to attend the senate meeting there.

"The identity cards were by no way, examined by terrorists and the Vice-Chancellor is not also aware of such matter," the statement said.

The statement said the Vice-Chancellor after a discussion with leaders of two rival groups on Thursday decided to go to the hall but leaders of an organisation stayed away due to reasons unknown.

"Then the Vice-Chancellor along with the provosts, house tutors and police asked all residential students to get out of their rooms and then allowed them inside after examining their identity cards," the statement said.

He also met with leaders of both the student organisations at his residence and it was decided that peace would be ensured in Surya Sen Hall and no one would be allowed to get inside it without valid documents.