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Students–principal face off stalls classes

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Dhaka Dental College

Unrest broke out at Dhaka Dental College again on Monday morning as principal Humayun Kabir Bulbul, rejected by students, returned to the campus after puja vacation. Humayun entered his office breaking open the gate of the academic building.

Since September 26, the gate of the academic building has been locked by the students to press the demand of reinstatement of the previous principal who had been recently made an officer on special duty.

Scuffles broke out between 'hired outsiders' and the students in the presence of principal Humayun, leaving four students injured.

Classes were suspended after the scuffles.

Since September 26, when Humayun was appointed as the principal he could not enter his office due to demonstrations by the students.

Humayun came to replace Abul Kalam Bepari as the principal.

On September 16, Abul Kalam Bepari was made OSD and ever since Dhaka Dental College remained closed.

Humayun told New Age that he entered his office on Monday, but no classes were held.

Students told New Age that on Monday their college was scheduled to reopen after the puja vacation.

At about 8AM on Monday, principal Humayun along with his 'hired outsiders' entered the campus and broke open the academic building's gate.

The students began demonstrations after they noticed the gate had been broken.

'We were peaceful, but principal himself tore off a student's shirt. Hired outsiders joined him and began beating us up leaving four students injured,' said a student.

The attacking outsiders fractured a student's arm, he said with the request not to quote him.

Teachers intervened to bring the situation under control, students said.

Later, the teachers held a meeting with the new principal.

Dhaka Dental College Teachers' Association general secretary Nasirul Islam told New Age that the meeting could not melt the ice.

'We would request the health minister to intervene and break the deadlock,' he said.

Humayun denied that he himself or the outsiders had assaulted students.

He said the protesting students beat up common students who wanted to attend classes.

Humayun urged the students to accept him and go back to their classes and said he had nothing to do with removal of the previous principal.

The students said they would boycott the classes and examinations until and unless the previous principal was reinstated.

Humayun is a leader of the ruling Awami League backed Swadhinata Chikitshak Parishad, also called SWACHIP.



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