

DU reviews progress of post-quake assessment

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Dhaka University authorities on Monday reviewed the progress of the ongoing technical inspection, assessment and monitoring of its residential halls and buildings following the recent earthquake.

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The review was conducted in a meeting of the Central Coordination Committee for the Inspection, Evaluation and Monitoring of the Student Halls, Buildings, held at the treasurer's office,

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Vice-chancellor Professor Niaz Ahmed Khan was chief guest at the meeting, said a press release issued by the university's public relations office.

The meeting reviewed the overall progress of technical inspections in different residential halls. Officials said the BUET expert sub-committee would complete the inspection, technical audit and assessment of the halls and buildings at the earliest.

After the completion of inspections, the technical evaluation report will be made public, with detailed records preserved at the estate office and respective halls. If any structural risks are detected, students will be relocated immediately.

Following the meeting, committee president Professor M Jahangir Alam Chowdhury and BUET experts visited several halls and hostels separately.

Provosts, wardens, resident teachers, university engineers and representatives from DUCSU and hall unions accompanied them.

The meeting, chaired by committee president and DU treasurer Professor M Jahangir Alam Chowdhury, was joined by proctor Saifuddin Ahmed; several hall provosts, members of the BUET-led sub-committee formed for technical inspection and assessment, DUCSU social service secretary AB Zubaer; and senior officials including the acting registrar, acting chief engineer and engineers of the estate office.

The coordination committee was formed on November 24 after the Dhaka division suffered the worst loss in earthquakes in the country's recent history, heightening fear among the university's residential students staying in many of its ageing dormitory buildings.