

BUET Syndicate to hold talks with resigning teachers

By Staff Correspondent

All 11 Syndicate members of the BUET yesterday held a meeting to discuss the 'mass resignation' of 15 teachers of the Architecture Department on Sunday.

Sources in the BUET said that the Syndicate members decided to talk to the resigning teachers individually "and a letter has been drafted in this regard." The letter would be sent to every teacher who signed the 'mass resignation' letter protesting the introduction of a new admission test system.

Sources also said that BUET's 165-member Academic Council also met yesterday discussing the present crisis at the Architecture Department.

Meanwhile, in a press release signed by the BUET Registrar Md Shahjahan last night, it was alleged that some students of the Architecture Department 'gheraoed' the Dean of Faculty of Architecture and Planning Prof Faruque A U Khan pressurising him to resign from the post of Dean.

The incident happened as the Academic Council was in a meeting. When its members were informed of the siege, they immediately went to the Department of Architecture and later returned to the meeting with the Dean, the press release said.

The Academic Council requested the VC to take action against the students who 'gheraoed' and put pressure on the Dean of the Faculty of Architecture and Planning, the press release said.

BUET's Vice-Chancellor declined to comment on the decision of the Syndicate, of which he is the Chairman.