

BUET teachers call off strike

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The stalemate in Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) has finally been solved after 35 days as the members of the teachers association called off their indefinite strike on Monday.

The classes, which remained suspended since May 5 in view of the strike of the teachers, are likely to resume on Sunday next week. The Vice-Chancellor, Deans of different faculties and departmental heads will take decision soon on the resumption of the classes.

The BUET Teachers' Association in a meeting on Monday decided to postpone its indefinite strike in the greater interest of the university and its image. Presided over by the President of the association Dr Md Abdur Razzak Akand the meeting sought cooperation of the government to run the university.

Earlier on Sunday, BUET Vice-Chancellor Dr Iqbal Mahmud, whose resignation along with 71 teachers protesting what they said

government's interference that created stalemate in the university, addressed the members of the teachers association and urged them to withdraw their strike programme.

The BUET Teachers' Association asserted that the resignation of Vice-Chancellor Dr Iqbal Mahmud should not be accepted and he should be allowed to remain in his post with honour and dignity.

The Chancellor of the university Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina did not accept the resignation of Vice-Chancellor Dr Iqbal Mahmud.

The BUET Teachers' Association in the meeting on Monday urged the Chancellor of the university Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to implement the memorandum of the association. It asserted that the university would not accept any interference from the government or outsiders.

The meeting reminded the government of not showing any discrepancy in extending cooperation to the university.

Though the meeting refused to accept the resignation of 71 teachers it remained silent over the withdrawal of resignation letters of 13 teachers of Architecture Department of the university who resigned protesting the change of the system of admission test by the university.