

Students for reopening of universities

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Bangladesh Chhatra Union handed over a memorandum to the Dhaka University authority on Tuesday demanding immediate reopening of the University and other educational institutions.

Prof. Emaj Uddin Ahmed, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University received the memorandum on behalf of the Vice-Chancellor, who was not present there.

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor assured the students that the University authority would try its best to reopen the University soon. He said that the authorities will meet the twenty-two students organisations to talk about the security of the general students after the reopening. And then the Syndicate will take positive steps, he said.

Dhaka University had been closed down sine die on November 27 by a government order.

The Chhatra Union members later held a rally in front of the DUCSU office. Mr. Taher Ullah and Mustafizur Rahman Babul, President and General-Secretary of the organisation respectively spoke on the occasion.

The student leaders observed that following the closure the lives of students have been badly affected. They said the University authority will find it difficult to eliminate the session jam which had already gripped the University's academic atmosphere. They further said the Government had closed the Universities and other educational institutions to fulfil

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its vested interests and called upon it to break the tradition.

The meeting made a clarion call to resist all the evil attempts including the violation of the varsity autonomy, and to save the Universities from the political interests of the ruling class.

BUET teachers

BUET Correspondent adds:— Bangladesh Engineering University Teachers Association (BEUTA) in a statement on Tuesday resented the Government order of closing down all Universities. They called for reopening of the Universities immediately.

The BEUTA observed that the education system of the country had been ruined due to frequent closure of educational institutions. It also said that the session of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) has already been lagging behind and it was not possible yet to start the classes of the first year students who had been admitted a year ago due to session jam.