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## DU opinion poll

### 64 pc suggest ban on student politics

Sixtyfour per cent students of Dhaka University suggested a ban on student politics that often takes on a bizarre look amidst bloody campus violence, reports APB.

The opinion was polled during a study conducted for a thesis on "Teacher-Student Relationship: Dhaka University Perspectives".

However, only 16 per cent of the teachers of the university hold the same opinion, says the study, conducted by the Department of Mass Communications and Journalism.

They identified student politics as the immediate cause of various problems facing the varsity, including terrorism which has taken a toll of at least 62 lives—the latest one on Thursday—in last 24 years.

"To save Dhaka University, the country's highest seat of learning, student politics should be banned immediately," the students and teachers said in their identical opinion.

Meanwhile, the teacher-student relationship at the university, which is not at all worth that, has been deteriorating day by day, the thesis pointed out.

Five per cent of the respondents opined in favour of separating the

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student organisations from the mainstream political parties.

"Academic atmosphere of the university is being vitiated by the negative trend of the national politics," says the thesis, adding that "most students of Dhaka University do not have affiliation with student politics."

Fiftyone per cent of the students observed that there should also be a moratorium on teachers' politics for restoring normal academic atmosphere in the university.

According to the thesis, at least 71 per cent of the teachers of the university are actively involved with politics.

When asked, some 70 per cent of the teachers admitted their active involvement with teacher politics and said their political instincts remain active while conducting academic activity, the study said.

Most of the respondents vented frustration over the present trends of student and teacher politics on the campus.

The research was conducted on 165 students and 51 teachers of the university on random-sampling basis.

When contacted, DU Vice-Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury admitted that the present trends of student politics should be halted immediately.

"I am trying my best to put a brake on this kind of politics persisting on the university campus," Prof. Chowdhury told APB.

About ban on student politics on DU campus, he said it's not suitable time for a fair comment.

The VC expressed his disappointment over the situation created through Thursday's violent clash on the campus that left one student leader dead.