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JCD withdraws strike

Illegal students to be evicted from DU halls

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Dhaka University authorities will take a move to vacate the occupied halls evicting unauthorised students and reinstate the displaced students in their respective dormitories today (Sunday).

The University Syndicate in an emergency meeting on Friday decided to vacate the four halls, Suryasen Hall, Jashimuddin Hall, Bangabandhu Hall and Ziaur Rahman Hall, which were occupied by unauthorised students following the gun battle between Awami League backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) that left a BCL leader dead on the campus on April 23. All legal students of the four halls will be permitted to enter into their respective dormitories after checking their identity cards by the hall authorities.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. A.K. Azad Chowdhury held a series of meetings with the Provosts of different halls and leaders of BCL, JCD and other student organisations during the last few days to diffuse the tension on the campus and work out the procedures to vacate the four halls. The meeting of the Vice-Chancellor with the Provosts and student leaders continued till Satur-

day midnight.

Meanwhile, JCD postponed its six-day strike programme in the University that was scheduled to start from Saturday. The JCD leaders withdraw the strike programme following their meeting with the Vice-Chancellor and Syndicate members on Friday. Vice-Chancellor persuaded the JCD leaders to postpone their strike assuring them of considering their demands. JCD announced a six-day strike programme demanding release of its President Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anny who was arrested in connection with the killing of BCL leader Partha Pratim Acharya on the campus on April 23 and reinstatement of JCD members displaced from the four halls following last month's gun battle with BCL.

As the normalcy was restored on the campus, the admission test of 'GA Unit' for BBA (honours) classes was held on Saturday as per schedule.

Leaders of BCL, JCD and Ganantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO), an alliance of the left-leading student organisations, assured the Vice-Chancellor and the University authorities of cooperation to vacate the four halls and end campus violence.