

DU exams of '82 yet to end

Students robbed of time, parents' money

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Classes in Dhaka University could not be held for about seven months in 1987 due to a series of unscheduled closure. Forced closure for political reasons, students unrest, strikes by the teachers and students on different issues, excess holidays and frequent shifting of examinations and delay in publication of results aggravated 'session jam' which means robbing the students of the best years. Most of the guardians are also groaning under heavy financial burden.

Dhaka University was closed indefinitely twice in 1987. The first closure since die was announced on July 15 following a violent armed clash between the supporters of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Chhatra League pro-JSD (Inu) in which three persons were killed. The University reopened after 73 days. But the present political unrest which began from November 10 made it difficult for the Varsity authority to take classes smoothly. The Government closed the university indefinitely on November 9. The University Syndicate denounced the Government order terming it illegal and a violation of 1973 Dhaka University Ordinance. The University again closed for an indefinite period on November 27 following the declaration of a state of emergency in the country.

The academic sessions of Dhaka University have been lagging behind for two to five years in different faculties and batches. An administrative source of the University said that the University authority needs more than three years to eliminate the session jam completely.

Masters degree examinations of 1982 in Science and Biological Science faculties have not yet been completed. Masters degree students of 1985 in Arts, Social Science, Commerce and Law faculties are yet to sit

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for examinations. The students of honours course of session 1985 in the faculties of Science and Biological Science could not complete their examinations.

A high-level administrative source informed this correspondent that academic sessions in Science and Biological Science faculties have been running behind for two to three years, while in the faculties of Arts, Social Science, Commerce and Law for about two years. The final part masters degree examinations in all six faculties have been lagging behind for three to five years.

It is reported that students need one year to get themselves admitted in the University after passing the H.S.C. examinations.

Prof. Abdul Mannan, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University, earlier expressed the hope that the University would be able to eliminate 100 per cent session jam by March 1988. The Vice-Chancellor made this commitment after expelling 11 armed hoodlums from the University following the bloody clash in mid-July. Now the University authority thinks that the present closure will prolong the session jam for more than nine months.

A teacher of the University said that all the plans of the Varsity authority to bring back normal academic atmosphere on the campus have failed following the present unexpected closure. He said that there was no reason to close the University as what he claimed that total peace was prevailing in the University during the present political unrest in the country. He demanded immediate reopening of the university. He further suggested that after reopening, the Varsity authority should reduce holidays and be serious to take classes and examinations.