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Varsity may be closed again

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The Government is now contemplating to again close down the Dhaka University due to present political unrest.

The Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof. Abdul Mannan told the newsmen on Monday that he was opposed to the closure of the university as a peaceful situation was now prevailing on the campus.

It is learnt that the Government move to close down the Dhaka University has been prompted by explosions of bombs and harassment meted out to some office goers by the pro-hartal demonstrators during the last fortnight in and around the university campus.

The Vice-Chancellor said that no student of the university was involved in the bomb blasts and causing harrasment to the office goers. Prof. Mannan said that students of the university maintained complete peace on the campus.

Following the Government pressure on the University authorities to close down the university the Vice-Chancellor held two separate meetings with the deans, provosts and the student leaders on Monday. The student leaders urged the university authorities to resist any attempt to again close the university. They said that there was complete peace in the university.

BSS adds: The Vice-Chancellor of the Dhaka University, Prof. Abdul Mannan on Monday held discussions separately with provosts of different halls and student leaders of 22 organisations to review prevailing campus situation in the present context.

The Vice-Chancellor instructed provosts to keep watch on students of their respective halls so they (students) could not be involved in any destructive activities, according to meeting sources.

Prof. Mannan also urged students not to indulge in such activities that might lead to closure of the University, the sources added.

Student leaders expressed their determination that they would foil any conspiracy for closure of the University.