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Students asked to quit halls

DU closed, exams put off till Aug 16

The Dhaka University authorities have extended the Eid-ul-Azha vacation, beginning on Tuesday by six days of July 27 and asked all residential students to vacate their halls by 12 noon Tuesday, a university press release said, reports BSS.

The authorities also suspended all examinations of the university until August 16, it said.

The decisions were taken on Monday night at an emergency meeting of the Syndicate, the highest executive body, with the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Abdul Mannan in the chair.

The University, however, will reopen on July 28.

UNB adds: The decision to close the campus was taken amid continuing violence in which several vehicles were damaged in last two days and two senior university officials were attacked by a group of unruly students, a press release said.

A Dhaka University Press release said a band of "expelled students and elements" on Monday attacked the cars of University Treasurer Prof. Abdullah Faruque and Executive Engineer Mohammad Moniruzzaman. The two officials narrowly escaped

unhurt but their cars were severely damaged, the press release said.

Earlier the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists reportedly set ablaze two vehicles and damaged at least nine others in and around the campus protesting the arrest of a JCD leader.

Witnesses said the JCD workers had set fire to a human hauler at Plassey at about 12-15 p.m. while another car was set ablaze in front of the university mosque at about 1-25 p.m.

The cars of Prof. Faruque and engineer Zaman were also attacked near the Dhaka University mosque about the same time the press release said.

The current wave of unrest in the volatile campus was triggered as early as on June 29 when a Dhaka University bus was attacked and damaged by some transport workers near Dayaganj Truck terminal following a brawl with students.

The syndicate, in its emergency meeting, also decided that all university examinations under course and traditional systems would remain

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suspended till August 16, 1989. The changed schedule for those examinations would be announced in due course, the press release said.

But, the syndicate decided, degree pass and subsidiary supplementary examinations of 1988 would, however, be held on July 30, 1989, as announced earlier, the press release added.

The meeting of the syndicate strongly condemned, what it said, the attacks on the life of the University Treasurer and the Executive Engineer.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Abdul Mannan and the Provost Standing Committee also condemned the attacks on Prof. Abdullah Faruque and Engineer Mohammad Maniruzzaman.

They also demanded of the concerned ministry and the police authorities to take immediate stern measures against those responsible for the attacks.

Staff Correspondent adds:—Meanwhile, the President and General Secretary of Dhaka University Teachers Association, Dr. Md. Moshuazzaman and Dr. M.A. Mannan in Press statement on Monday expressed their concern over and resentment at the firing at the car belonging to the Treasurer of Dhaka University.

They observed that the academic atmosphere was largely hampered due to the outbreak of violence and rowdiness on the University campus. They demanded immediate stoppage of all sorts of terrorism and arms violence from the Dhaka university campus.