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Resumption of DU classes

Dear Editor,

Classes of the Dhaka University resumed again on Saturday (29th July '89) after an extended forced holiday of 18 days announced by the DU authority in the face of violence that often vitiates the atmosphere of this supreme educational institution.

A holiday of 18 days which is about seven days more than the normally scheduled Eid holiday is not at all a very important matter to generally cause any agony among the students and their guardians.

But this time the sudden announcement of Eid holiday only one day earlier than the scheduled holiday and the extension of the same holiday from 22 July to 28 July could not but create great anxiety and displeasure among the general people (including the students and their guardians) as they have now begun to feel

that the violence on the campus has been a regular and perhaps uncontrollable feature.

Many people are therefore found not at all be interested to know about the resumption of DU classes.

Some of them claim that the whole university may be involved in a more dangerous and widespread type of violence again as the DU authorities and for that matter authorities of any universities have little or no power to prevent the recurrence of violence on their campuses.

Actually the authorities, we feel, have no dearth of sincerity for maintaining a peaceful atmosphere on the campus. But they were hardly able to ensure the desired peace as the so called political forces which generally back different student organisations can not place before their students groups inspiring ideology or patriotic ideal. As a result conflicts are often there for very small personal interests.

Let us hope that our leaders will rise above mean, selfish interests and try to help create a good atmosphere on the campus.

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