



Uneasy calm on DU campus

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An uneasy calm prevailed on the Dhaka University campus on Tuesday as the students left the residential halls following the Vice-Chancellor's order to vacate by 12 noon on the day.

Heavy police contingents remain posted at different points of the roads leading to the university. The roads passing through the campus were opened much to the relief of the vehicular traffic using diversion roads for the last few days. On Tuesday some staff buses and pick-up vans were seen passing through the university campus but heavy transports like lorries, passenger buses and trucks abstained from using the roads.

The policemen were seen guarding the entrances of the university halls while the students were vacating the campus. They also checked the bags and utensils of the students vacating the halls. Heavy contingents of police were guarding the Vice-Chancellor's residence from both inside and outside.

The university was declared closed by the Vice-Chancellor on Monday following a series of clashes on the campus and attacks on the varsity transports and other vehicles using the campus roads. The Treasurer's car was also mobbed by the students and gunshots were fired on his car on Monday. He however, escaped unhurt. A section of students became violent following the arrest of a JCD leader from the university campus and clashes ensued after his arrest.

When contacted, the Ramna police told this correspondent the students left the campus peacefully and there was no untoward incident so far on the campus. The police said the gunmen roaming around the campus area also disappeared from

the scene.

The Dhaka University reopens on July 28, six days later than it was scheduled to be reopened. An informed circle said the closure of the university may be extended if the situation does not improve considerably.