

DU to raise tution fees after 30 yrs

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The authorities of Dhaka University are planning to increase tution fees of students after a period of 30 years, highly placed official sources told The Daily Star yesterday.

The decision to raise tution fees will be implemented during admission of students in July this year.

Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof A K Azad Chowdhury when contacted confirmed it and said that the decision was taken at a meeting of the university authorities.

"The increase in tution fees, dormitory charges and other fees is aimed at providing better educational facilities to the

students," he added.

"As per the proposal, the tution fee will be raised to Tk 25 from Tk 10 now and the dormitory charge to Tk 15 from Tk 8 per month," a source said.

The decision to raise the fees was taken at a recent meeting of the Vice-Chancellor and pro Vice-Chancellor with deans of faculties and provosts of halls, the sources said. It will be taken up in the Syndicate meeting shortly, the sources added.

"The university will generate funds of about Tk one crore by increasing the fees. The increase in fees will be matched by increasing scholarships for

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students in terms of number and the amount of money," another source said.

Now, during admission, a student has to pay fees of Tk 2020 for one year, which will be increased to Tk 2600 if the fees are enhanced, the sources added.

Every year a total of about 4000 students get enrolled in Honours courses in the university. The university has a strength of about 25,000 students in Honours and Masters courses.