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Frequent hartals DU fears fresh session jams

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The recent spate of frequent hartals (general strikes) may see three months elapsed from the academic session at Dhaka University, the DU authorities feared.

The ongoing final year examinations of all the departments will have to be rescheduled due to the repeated shutdown. Rescheduling of any examinations has a rollover effect on the academic sessions leading to session jams.

Some 4,000 examinees of both undergraduate and post-graduate courses from different departments could not sit for their examinations due to hartals on November 1, 7, 8 and 9, the university officials said.

They said due to the "unexpected closures" of the university, the authorities are going to face serious problems in holding the postponed examinations on fresh schedules.

Staggered examinations have a snowballing effect on the whole system - publication of results gets delayed and accommodation problem in the dormitories becomes acute.

Some teachers and students of the university while talking to The Daily Star yesterday expressed their frustration over frequent strikes by the opposition parties which, they said, created an unusual academic atmosphere on the campus.

Examinations should be kept out of the purview of all political programmes, they observed.

"We are very fed up with the frequent shutdown as it is doing harm to the academic activities," resented Ranjan Ali Tanveer, whose Honors final year examinations could not be held due to the hartal on Tuesday.