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Stalemate at DU Authorities to meet President, CA

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As the country's pioneer university plunged into deadlock, the DU authorities are eager to meet President Justice Shahabuddin Ahmed, who is also the Chancellor of the university, and Chief Adviser of the Caretaker Government Justice Latifur Rahman to apprise them of the campus situation.

The rivals, JCD and BCL, announced that they would submit memorandum to the Chief Adviser in support their demands on August 1 and August 5 respectively. The left-leaning Gonotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) submitted memorandum to the Chief Adviser on Sunday demanding to congenial academic atmosphere on the campuses across the country.

Talking to university correspondents, VC Prof Azad Chowdhury told that the cause of the impasse was not related to VC but to the political parties. "Even then I tried my best to defuse the tension," the VC said adding "We've given the law-enforcers a "blank-cheque" to recover arms at any time violating the DU Ordinance 1973."

The authorities earlier decided to form teams led by provost of each hall to arrange allotment of residential accommodation to genuine students. The team will go round respective halls simultaneously on the same day and throw out outsiders occupying the rooms with the help of law enforcers. But the date is yet to be fixed.

Replying to a question the VC said he would observe the situation till Tuesday and then think about the next step.

The VC ruled out the possibility of closing the university for indefinite period.

Meanwhile, last-minute move by the authorities to persuade the agitating JCD to withdraw strike and come to negotiation table failed as JCD stuck to its position, a highly placed source said.

Former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Monday blasted BNP for destabilising the DU campus. Addressing a huge rally at Paltan Maidan the former Prime Minister said no strike for indefinite period took place on the campus during her regime.

On the second day of the nonstop shutdown by BNP's student front disrupted classes and examinations on Monday.

No classes and examinations were held and the offices except the Administrative Building remained closed. The university buses did not ply during the strike.

JCD demanded resignation of the Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, rehabilitation of the bonafide JCD supporters in dormitories and arrest of the "armed activists of BCL".

BCL leaders from a rally gave an ultimatum to the strikers till August 1 and said they would not allow any "non-student and terrorist" to enforce student strike on the university campus.

Some students under the banner "general students" brought out a procession against the strike.