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## DU authorities to vacate halls to get in genuine students anew today

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The Dhaka University authorities will vacate all the dormitories to allow only the genuine students to reside from today (Thursday).

The decision was taken in an emergency joint meeting of the members of university Senate, Syndicate, Teachers' Association, Provosts, Proctorial body, departmental Chairmen, Directors and other concerned officials held at the administrative building on Wednesday.

As per the decision a team led by the Provost of the respective hall will inspect each and every room of all dormitories at 8:30 a.m. All the residents will be vacated from the rooms and will be allowed to get in after the law-enforcers complete their search. Only the valid identity card holders will be allowed to enter the halls.

The authorities asked students who were ousted earlier on political or other grounds to be present during the inspection. They also asked the invalid cardholders to renew the identity cards.

The authorities urged the law-enforcers to improve the law and order situation and keep vigilance in and around the campus. They also gave prior permission to the law enforcers to enter the campus to recover arms and arrest terrorists.

The university Senate and Syndicate members, Teachers' Association leaders, Provosts, Proctorial body, Chairpersons of the departments, directors, house tutors of the respective halls and other concerned officials will be present during the inspection.

A total of 600 police and 400 para-militia BDR (Bangladesh Rifles) personnel will be deployed during the inspection, university sources said.

The move has been taken to ease the situation and prepare the groundwork to bring the rival student groups to come to the negotiation table.

Meanwhile, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), is reluctant about the move.

"The programme was chalked out without any consultation with us, so it's not our headache," said Monir Hossain, DU unit president of JCD.

Replying to a question he told this correspondent that if a JCD supporter goes to the hall in re-

sponse to the move, the cadres of Chhatra League would oust him immediately.

"We can't throw our supporters into jeopardy," he said.

But the leaders of BCL welcomed the initiative. "Although the common students will be humiliated by the initiative, we still welcome it for the sake of the campus peace," said AKM Azim, general secretary of DU unit BCL.

The hall sources said that the weapons in the halls have already been shifted and inspection will bear no fruit.

The fourth day of the JCD's nonstop shutdown passed off peacefully on the campus on Wednesday.

No classes and examinations were held and most of the offices remained closed for the fourth day. The university transport did not operate due to the strike.

Both the JCD and BCL demonstrated on the campus in support of their demands.

Leaders and activists of JCD submitted a memorandum to Chief Adviser of the caretaker government Justice Latifur Rahman on Wednesday.

Following a rally on the campus JCD marched to the CA secretariat to apprise him of the campus. Police stopped the JCD's procession at Shahbagh square.

A five-member JCD delegation went to CA office and submitted the memorandum.

BCL brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus demanding educational atmosphere on the campus and implementation of the court verdict on Bangabandhu murder case.

Leaders from the rally blasted JCD for destroying the educational career of the students. "We'll observe the situation till Friday, if the so called strike is not withdrawn BCL will resist it on Saturday with books and pens in hands."