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## **Open the university, remove the VC: AMU teachers**

Aligarh, May 1 (PTI) Terming the shut down of AMU as "illegal", its teachers today demanded that the university be re-opened immediately and the Vice Chancellor and the Proctor be removed.

A resolution to this effect was passed at a stormy meeting of the teachers' association which demanded immediate revocation of the order to shut the university indefinitely. The resolution also demanded the removal of Vice-Chancellor PDK Abdul Aziz and Proctor Mujahid Beg.

The AMU was yesterday shut down indefinitely following violent clashes between two groups of students on Friday that left 12 of them injured.

The secretary of the teachers' association Mutafa Zaidi said that their delegation will leave for New Delhi to apprise the Human Resource Development Ministry of the current crisis.

"Any delay in taking urgent remedial steps by the HRD Ministry would result in irreparable damage to the institution and the Central government would also be accountable for the present mess," Zaidi said.

"The university has suffered similar closures thrice during the past four years," said Zaidi, adding, "The present University administration which is facing serious charges of financial bungling has lost the moral authority to run the institution.

"If university does not reopen at an early date, careers of thousands of students would be jeopardised," said Zaidi.

Wasim Ahmed, former MP and member of AMU Court, demanded the intervention of central government to "save" Aligarh Muslim University.

Ahmed said the Centre should intervene to save the University which has been witnessing clashes between students.

"The University should be reopened. The Centre should intervene," he said in Delhi.

A spokesperson of the university claimed that more than 40 per cent students have already vacated the hostels in a peaceful manner.