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## JU geography dept teachers boycott classes for academic council

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Students of geography and environment department of Jahangirnagar University on Sunday demonstrated in front of the department to protest at the boycotting of classes by teachers.

Most teachers at the department were unofficially abstaining from work for the last two weeks, demanding that the academic council meeting of the department be called, said students and sources at the department.

Demanding that classes and examinations be resumed, around 150 students of the department locked the main entrance to the department in the morning and staged a sit-in. The agitating students threatened to continue the protest programme until the classes and examinations resumed.

The protesting students said, 'We are victims of a clash between teachers and the department head. We are already suffering academically due to session jams. We do not want this boycott to add to our miseries.'

Some protestors alleged that their teachers had even stopped ongoing final examinations as part of the boycott.

Teachers who were boycotting classes alleged that department chairman Manzarul Hasan had not called the academic council meeting since he took charge of his post on August 26.

Chairman Manzarul Hasan, however, claimed that he had called an emergency academic council meeting to resolve the ongoing issues.

Manzarul Hasan had been forced to step down as department chairman in the past in the face of protests staged by teachers.

On July 26, Manzarul Hasan again took charge as chairman of the department after the high court ruled in his favour against a writ petition filed by him over his forceful removal from the post.



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