

# Anti-VC panel teachers continue strike at JU

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A FACTION of pro-Awami League teachers continued strike at Jahangirnagar University for the second consecutive day on Wednesday, protesting at the alleged assault on their fellows by their rivals loyal to the vice-chancellor.

Both the factions were accusing each other of 'physical assault'.

Around 50 teachers observed the half-day strike from 8:00am to 12:00pm, locking the administrative building protesting at what they termed the violation of the university acts, statutes and syndicate by vice-chancellor Professor Farzana Islam.

The agitating teachers also formed a human chain in front of the administrative building at 12:00pm protesting the attack of their fellows on Tuesday morning.

Amid the strike, the VC held a meeting with 200 teachers of different departments at Jahir Raihan Audi-

torium around 11:00am.

During the strike, all administrative activities remained suspended but classes and examinations were held.

Associate Professor Farid Ahmed of philosophy department at a press conference at new arts building around 4:30pm on Wednesday declared their next week-

long programme which included mass contacts in the first three days among teachers and students, a rally wearing black badge on Tuesday and again two-hour strike on Wednesday while they would declare their next programme on Thursday.

They also demanded resignation of proctor and rejected the investigation committee formed on Tuesday to investigate the assault.

On Tuesday, anti-VC group teachers, led by university's former VC Professor Shariff Enamul Kabir, observed a daylong strike protesting what they said the violation of act of the university by incumbent vice-

chancellor.

They alleged the vice-chancellor recently withdrew provosts of nine halls which was illegal and violation of the university act.

During the strike, eight teachers were injured in a scuffle between pro-VC and anti-VC groups.

The VC denied the allegations and urged the protesters to resume academic activities.