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Agitation continues at JU for removal of VC

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Jahangirnagar University teachers and students join a demonstration at university Shahid Minar at Savar in Dhaka on Tuesday in protest at reported involvement of the vice-chancellor in corruption. — New Age photo

Jahangirnagar University teachers and students continued their agitation on Tuesday for removal of vice-chancellor Professor Farzana Islam amid entrance examinations taken by thousands of admission seekers.

More than 70 agitators under the banner of Jahangirnagar against Corruption gathered at the Shaheed Minar premises and waved black flag to the vice-chancellor at about 1:00pm for the third consecutive day.

Students started protests on August 23 demanding judicial inquiry into the reported involvement of the vice-chancellor and her family in corruption and mismanagement of Tk 1445 crore development projects on the campus.

Teachers and students demanded resignation of the VC as an initiative to launch a judicial inquiry faltered on September 18.

It has been alleged that the VC managed the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) JU unit leaders with Tk 1.6 crore from the development fund.

Three of the BCL activists had already confessed their involvement with the secret commission sharing incident.

Addressing the rally, philosophy professor Rayhan Rhyne said, 'We demanded a judicial inquiry into allegations of corruption. But she has no good intentions regarding this matter. She must resign by October 1.'

Among others, teachers Tarek Reza, Jamal Uddin Runu, Khabir Uddin, Kamrul Ahsan, Anwarullah Bhuiyan, Shamima Sultana and leaders and activists of different cultural and political organizations were present at the protest.



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