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Strike at JU continues

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A section of teachers and students on Tuesday continued their strike for the four consecutive days demanding the removal of vice-chancellor Farzana Islam over allegations of corruption.

The protestors under the banner of Jahangirnagar against Corruption laid siege to the administrative building from 9:00am to 3:00pm on Tuesday who have been continuing their strike since Thursday.

Due to the strike, classes and examinations were hampered and administrative activities were almost halted.

Protesters, however, alleged that some teachers with affinity for the vice-chancellor compelled the students to attend class.

The protestors declared all out strike on Monday while they boycotted all classes and examinations during their protest.

Meantime, a three-member group of teachers led by Professor Ajit Kumar Majumder held a negotiation meeting with the protestors at about 3:00pm which was ended without any decision.

The protestors vowed to continue their agitation until the vice-chancellor steps down.

They will hold a concert and a rally at the transport ground today evening.

Professor Rayhan Rhyne, spokesperson of the platform, announced the programme at a press briefing in front of JU Old Administrative Building at about 4:00pm.

'We gave a proposal to the JU teachers association members to form a probe body by the chancellor and the president of Bangladesh,' he added.

The protest erupted on the campus on August 23 demanding a judicial inquiry into the reported involvement of the vice-chancellor in corruption and mismanagement of Tk 1445 crore development projects on the campus.

Farzana Islam allegedly secretly paid Tk 1.6 crore from the project fund to the leaders of Jahangirnagar University Chhatra League. Three of the leaders had already confessed their involvement.



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