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Protests against SUST VC go on at JU

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Jahangirnagar University students take part in a token hunger strike on the campus on Saturday expressing their solidarity with the hunger strikers of the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology. — New Age phot

Jahangirnagar University students continued their demonstrations on the campus in Dhaka on Saturday demanding the removal of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology vice-chancellor Farid Uddin Ahmed for reportedly making derogatory remarks about female students of JU.

Protesters also blamed the non-implementation of laws enacted to curb violence against women for the present patriarchal and male-dominated behaviour against the women.

Expressing solidarity with SUST students who went on a fast unto death demanding the resignation of vice-chancellor Farid Uddin, JU students launched a series of protest programmes on their campus.

A total of 13 students from different departments of the university participated in a token hunger strike programme on Saturday afternoon at the university's central Shaheed Minar expressing solidarity with the SUST hunger strikers.

Later, a photo exhibition was arranged at the university's Chobi Chattar area in protest at several incidents of violence against women on the campus.

An organiser of the programme, Prapti Taposhi of economics department told New Age that they staged the protest to raise voice against all forms of discrimination in society.

'Women are being harassed all over the country. Even policymakers and institutional heads are harling derogatory remarks on women in recent times. This culture encourages offenders to commit such crimes,' she said.

Protesters brought out a procession on the campus at about 10:00pm demanding an unconditional apology from SUST vice-chancellor.

Earlier, Jahangirnagar University's about 500 current and former female students and some teachers' organisations also condemned SUST VC for his comment.

In an audio clip that went viral online, the vice-chancellor is heard to say that no one wants to marry female students of JU.



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