Expulsion of JU teacher demanded

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Logo of the Jahangirnagar University.

A section of Jahangirnagar University teachers and students on Thursday demanded expulsion of one of their teachers on charges of sexually abusing a female teacher candidate and academic irregularities.

The demand came at a press conference held in the new arts building on the campus.

The accused is assistant professor Mahmudur Rahman Jony of the public health and informatics department.

Addressing the press conference, professor Parvin Jolly of the history department alleged that Jony sexually abused a female teacher candidate, who was his thesis student at the public health

department, and forced her to abort.

Terming the act as moral turpitude of the teacher, professor Parvin said, 'The teacher must face exemplary punishment so that no one dares to commit such an immoral act using their power or position.'

JU pharmacy department professor Sohel Rana alleged that the university administration did not conduct a proper investigation into the matter and forcibly realised an indemnity letter from the victim in order to free the teacher from the allegation.

JU proctor ASM Firoz-Ul-Hasan denied his involvement in forcing the victim into submitting the letter.

'The probe body never contacted the victim. They had just prepared the report without giving due attention to the matter,' added professor Sohel.

JU unit Bangladesh Chhatra Union, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, Jahangirnagar Cultural Alliance expressed solidarity with the demand for expulsion of the teacher.

Earlier, there were also allegations against assistant professor Jony of developing immoral relations with female candidates in the name of getting them the university faculty position.

In one incident, Jony was alleged to increase marks of a female student who later obtained a faculty position.

The accused teacher was forced to step down from the position of assistant proctor over the allegation.

Professor Anowar Khasru, convener of a three-member probe committee, however, said that they found no notable proof over the allegations against Jony.

Several attempts were made to contact the accused teacher, but he did not pick up his phone.

JU vice-chancellor professor Md Nurul Alam said that action would be taken as per the probe body recommendations.



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