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JU student calls off hunger strike

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The Jahangirnagar University student, who had been observing a fast-unto-death protest on the campus since May 31 against irregularities in distribution of residential seats, called off the strike following an assurance of meeting his demands from the university administration.

The student took the decision to call off the hunger strike at 12: 00 noon on Thursday as provost of JU Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall professor Sabbir Alam assured the student of allotting residential seats to 'legal' students only, in a written statement.

The protesting student was Samiul Islam Prottoy, a student of the geography and environment department and a resident of Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall of the university.

On May 31, Prottoy started his fast-unto-death protest on the hall premises demanding abolishing ganorooms and ensuring seats for students living in ganorooms, removing non-resident students from the hall.

After three days of the hunger strike, he took saline as he was suffering from dehydration and low blood pressure.

On June 6, a group of JU BCL activists launched an attack on Samiul to halt the strike.

The attackers set his bedding on fire, vandalised his saline stand and took him forcibly to the university's medical centre by an ambulance.

Continuing the protest at the medical centre following the attack, Samiul came back to the hall premises on Thursday morning and the hall administration decided to comply with the demands of Samiul.

Samiul told New Age that the hall administration assured him of removing non-students from the hall within the next 15-days and allotting the seats to 'legal' students of the university.

Provost of JU Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall professor Sabbir Alam said, 'We have started proceedings of vacating seats of the students, who have already completed their studies. The seats will be distributed to current students soon.'



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