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## Students demand resignation of JU hall provost

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The residential students of Al Beruni Hall of Jahangirnagar University staged a demonstration on the hall premises on Monday demanding resignation of hall provost Sikder Md Zulkarnine.

They demanded the resignation of the provost as he allegedly took money during recruitment of employees to the hall, used staff members of the hall to 'grab' land adjacent to the university campus and used the hall office as his personal 'settlement' office.

The demonstrators also alleged that the provost could not be reached most of the time by the students to get administrative assistance.

About 30 students of the hall staged a human chain on the hall premises demanding resignation of the hall provost.

Ashraful Alam, a protesting student, said, 'The hall canteen has remained closed for the past few months and the provost is yet to take measures despite several letters were sent to him in this regard.'

The students also placed a three-point charter of demands.

The demands include launching investigation against the provost over embezzling rent collected from temporary shops, keeping the provost away from his office during investigation and opening of the hall canteen on a priority basis.

Later, the agitating students submitted a memorandum to the university vice-chancellor, Nurul Alam, to press home their demands.

JU VC Nurul Alam said that the allegations against the hall provost would be investigated soon.

Earlier on February 21, some Bangladesh Chhatra League leaders of the hall unit led by its vicepresident Enamul Haque Enam broke the lock of the hall canteen and appointed a man to run the canteen.

The hall provost, however, asked the man to leave the canteen as the BCL activists did not take permission from the provost.

He held JU BCL vice-president Enam, organising secretary Chinmay Sarker, and school student affairs secretary Anowar Hossain responsible for the incident.

Hall provost Sikder Md Zulkarnine said, 'It is unacceptable that some BCL activists gave the duty of running the canteen to someone without following the proper procedure. I have already informed the university administration of it.'

He also termed the allegations against him as baseless and fictitious.

The alleged BCL activists, however, denied the allegations.



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