

# July uprising: JU suspends 289 BCL activists, nine teachers



Jahangirnagar University has suspended 289 activists of banned Chhatra League for their alleged involvement in attacks on protesting students during the July uprising.

Nine teachers have also been suspended for allegedly abetting the violence.



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JU Vice-Chancellor Prof Mohammad Kamrul Ahsan confirmed the decisions at a press briefing yesterday, following a syndicate meeting held on the previous day at the university's new administrative building.

Prof Kamrul, who presided over the meeting, said the university formed a high-level committee to further probe the incidents.

Among the suspended BCL activists, those who have already graduated will have their academic certificates withheld, while those who have completed their exams and viva will have their results withheld.

The VC added, "Nine teachers have been suspended for their alleged role in abetting the attacks. A committee has been formed to gather further evidence against other teachers who may have been involved."

Besides, former JU VC Prof Md Nurul Alam and former registrar Abu Hasan, who have retired, will have their pension benefits suspended due to their alleged complicity, the VC added.

The nine suspended teachers are former Pro-VC (Academic) Prof Mohammed Mostafa Feeroz, ex-proctor Prof Mohammad Alamgir Kabir, Prof Esrafil Ahmed, Associate Prof Mehedi Iqbal, former dean of Faculty of Social Sciences Prof Bashir Ahmed, Associate Prof ASM Firoz ul Hasan, Associate Prof Hosne Ara, Associate Prof Nazmul Hassan Talukder, and Prof Tajuddin Shikdar.

Meanwhile, JU pro-VC (administration) Prof Sohel Ahmed, also a syndicate member, told this correspondent that the six-month suspension of six students for their alleged involvement in the killing of BCL leader Shamim Mollah will end on March 19.

Shamim was beaten to death on the university campus on September 18 and the suspension was imposed the following day.

Besides, the withholding of academic certificates for six months of two students allegedly involved in the murder will expire on March 19.

In another major decision, the university syndicate has decided to rename the dormitories named after the family members of deposed prime minister Sheikh Hasina. A committee has been formed to oversee the renaming process, said JU Registrar ABM Azizur Rahman.

Meanwhile, July 15 has been officially declared as Black Night at JU to observe the violent attack on students, the registrar added.