

## BUET deadlock continues

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Informal negotiations to end the stalemate at the BUET so far failed to produce any positive result, official sources said yesterday.

The students are scheduled to return to the campus today after their mid-term break but the teachers are on an indefinite strike since May 5.

The BUET Teachers Association is planning a silent procession towards the Prime Minister's Secretariat to hand over a memorandum to the Prime Minister this week.

Some mediators involved in the negotiation told The Daily Star that they were continuing their efforts and hoping for an end to the deadlock.

The Chancellor's office is yet to respond to the resignation letter submitted by BUET Vice-Chancellor Prof Iqbal Mahmud on May 4, the sources said. "Communication between the BUET teachers and the higher authorities was essential to resolve the stalemate", one source said.

The BUETTA called the indefinite strike after the resignation of Prof Iqbal Mahmud and 71 teachers from their administrative posts protesting interference by higher authorities in the internal affairs of the BUET.

Prof Iqbal Mahmud however resumed his "routine duties" as VC on May 12.