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BUET Syndicate to accept resignation of 13 teachers

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The Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology syndicate has decided to accept the resignations of 13 Architecture Department teachers as they did not withdraw their mass resignations individually.

Fifteen teachers of BUET's Architecture Department had resigned *en masse* in March protesting a new admission test system for the department. After intervention from the education minister and eminent citizens, a consensus was reached and the teachers agreed to join their posts with the assurance that the new admission test system would be modified later.

All 15 teachers tendered their resignations in a single letter. The 11-member Syndicate asked the teachers to individually withdraw their resignations. In the Syndicate meeting held on March 16 a time limit of upto March 26 was set for the withdrawal.

BUET sources said only two of the 15 teachers withdrew their resignations.

"Instead, the 13 teachers wrote a single five-page letter to the Syndicate bringing in various allegations and at the end of the letter they said they were withdrawing their resignations," said a BUET official.

When contacted, BUET Vice

Chancellor Iqbal Mahmud termed the whole situation 'very unfortunate' but said that it was not a disciplinary action against the teachers.

"There is no mark against them and if they want to return to BUET their cases would be handled as per recruitment policy of the institution," the VC said.

One of the 13 teachers last night said that reason given by the BUET Syndicate for not accepting their withdrawal letter was 'ridiculous'.

"We had resigned *en masse*, so why can't they accept a joint withdrawal letter? he asked.

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