

PROTEST AGAINST ASSAULT ON TEACHER

BRAC univ cancel classes
for two days**Staff Correspondent**

BRAC University authorities cancelled all classes for Wednesday and Thursday amid students protest over demand for punishment of officials responsible for 'assaulting' one of their teachers.

Many students boycotted classes and continued protesting in front of the VC office since Wednesday morning demanding punishment for officials who had reportedly assaulted law teacher Farhaan Uddin Ahmed.

They alleged that Farhaan

was assaulted by the university's registrar Muhammad Sahool Afzal, assistant registrar Md Mahi Uddin and university's co-curricular activities senior officer Javed Rasel on Sunday afternoon.

'The administration has decided to cancel all the classes for August 2 and 3', BRAC University vice-chancellor professor Syed Saad Andaleeb said in a statement on Wednesday afternoon.

All exams will, however, continue as per schedule. All were requested to maintain appropriate academic atmosphere, the statement

said.

BRAC University has taken the incident that took place on July 30 extremely seriously and is fully committed to resolving the matter to restore normal academic environment by ensuring complete and fair investigation into the incident. As part of the ongoing effort, the inquiry committee has been reconstituted after consultation with students and alumni, Syed Saad Andaleeb said.

New probe committee members are university mathematics and natural

sciences department chair professor AFM Yusuf Haider, former Dhaka University English professor Syed Manzoorul Islam, BRAC university professor Afsan Chowdhury, BRAC University alumni association president Tajdin Hassan and one student representative (to be confirmed).

The committee has been tasked with ascertaining the chain of events on July 30, 2017 and identify discrepancies both in terms of facts and interpretations; and ascertain whether the principle of due process was followed regard-

ing the ending of Farhaan Uddin Ahmed's contract.

The committee was asked to submit its report within five working days from August 3.

Since morning, groups of students began demonstration in and outside the campus. BRAC University security guards at about 3:00pm drove away from the campus the agitating students who were calling for punishment of officials.

Security guards had also driven away protesting students from campus on Tuesday evening.