

## PROTESTS AGAINST ASSAULT ON TEACHER

BRAC univ students hold  
hunger strike**Staff Correspondent**

SIX BRAC University students on Thursday held a token hunger strike to press for their demand of punishing the officials responsible for 'assaulting' one of their teachers as well as attacking the students.

Six students began their fast at 11:00am at a place adjacent to the campus at Mahakhali in Dhaka and finished it as dusk fell. They also called for punishment of university officials and security guards who attacked agitating students and drove them away from the campus on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The students who went into hunger strike were busi-

ness school student Yeasinur Rahman, law students Kamrun Nahar, Erfanur Rahman, Sadia Afrin and Sheikh Noman, and mathematics and natural science student Akash Ahmed.

The students also demanded a fair probe into the incidents and called for interventions by the University Grants Commission and the education ministry to resolve the issues as they 'have lost faith on the university authorities'.

Law student Kamrun Nahar told New Age that they wanted resignation of the university registrar Muhammad Sahool Afzal and punishments for security guards who attacked the students. 'We will

continue our protests until our demands are met,' she said.

Despite suspension of classes, the students gathered around the university to continue their protests.

No classes were held for the second day as the university authorities decided to cancel all classes for Wednesday and Thursday.

Students had been protesting in front of the vice-chancellor's office since Monday 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.

Meanwhile, a BRAC University statement issued on Thursday said that the probe body had begun their work on the day. The administration and the students agreed to include law student Maimuna Syed Ahmed as student representative at the probe body, it said.

'We hope that all cooperation would be extended to let its members operate in a neutral and non-pressurised environment,' said the statement.

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