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Teachers protest at assault on colleague

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A FACTION of pro-Awami League Blue Panel teachers of Dhaka University on Sunday formed a human chain at the base of Aparajeya Bangla demanding immediate punishment of proctor Golam Rabbani and two other teachers, who had allegedly beaten up their colleague in a general meeting of the panel last week.

While addressing the demonstration, Blue Panel convener, also science faculty dean professor Abdul Aziz, said such an incident had lowered the dignity of teachers, who represent conscience of society.

Terming the incident as 'shameful' professor Aziz also said that those teachers who were involved with the nasty incident had posed serious question towards teachers' dignity.

He further said that though incumbent vice-chancellor of the university was yet to take any visible steps to punish the offenders, they had full faith on him as he assured to take necessary steps to solve this crisis.

Assaulted sociology teacher AKM Jamal Uddin claimed that he was physically assaulted by DU proctor and pharmacy department chairman professor Sitesh Chandra Bachar and applied chemistry and chemical engineering department professor Shah Mohammad Masum on Thursday at TSC Cafeteria.

He also demanded that the teachers should be expelled by Dhaka University Teachers' Association for the life time.

He further demanded immediate resign of professor Golam Rabbani from proctorship as he failed to do justice to his duty.

They also threatened to wage tougher movement if the proctor Rabbani would fail to sack him from the duty.

Rabbani, who became proctor recently after the new VC Akhtaruzzaman took the charge, denied the allegations.

Meanwhile, another faction of blue panel teachers announced to form a human chain today at the base of Aparajeya Bangla protesting physical assault on the proctor.

Earlier on Thursday, a faction of Blue Panel got into a fighting during a meeting of the panel.

Some of the teachers, who attended the meeting, said the supporters of former VC Arefin Siddique and those of Akhtaruzzaman started hurling abuses at each other during the meeting leading to the altercation.