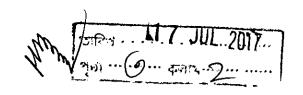
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Two more JU students join hunger strike

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TWO more students of Jahangirnagar University on Sunday joined the two students who began a fast unto death a day earlier on the campus demanding with-drawal of a case filed against 56 students over vandalising the vice-chancellor's residence on May 27.

Graduate student of English department Tahmina Zahan and undergraduate student of law and justice department Khan Muntasir Arman joined Sarder Zahid of English department and Puja Biswash of international relations department.

Tahmina began her strike on early Sunday while Arman joined the others at 7:00am on the day.

All the students were

fasting at in front of the university Shaheed Minar. A team of the university medical centre was checking the health of the striking students every three hours.

Jahangirnagar University syndicate at an emergency meeting on Sunday asked the students to call off their fast unto death, according to professor Amir Hussain, pro-vice-chancellor of the university.

VC professor Farzana Islam told New Age, 'We are astonished at the student activity. They can discuss with us... we have not got any authority to withdraw the case, it is up to the police.'

On May 26, marketing department student Nazmul Hasan Rana, 24, and microbiology department student Arafat, 24, were killed as a

bus rammed into a van carrying them on Dhaka-Aricha Highway in Savar's C and B bus stop area.

Afterwards, agitating students blocked the highway demanding installation of speed breakers on the road. But the police fired rubber bullets and tear-gas shells to disperse them leaving at least 10 people, including students, a JU official and two journalists, injured.

Later, the agitators besieged the VC's residence to know why such an action was taken. During the demonstrations, the police detained 42 students and later showed them arrested in a vandalism case filed by the university registrar Abu Bakr Siddique. On the following day, all the 42 students were released on bail.

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