

JU students demand withdrawal of case

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JAHANGIRNAGAR University students on Sunday demanded withdrawal of a case filed against a total of 56 students in connection with vandalising vice-chancellor's house on May 27.

Under the banner of 'Protibader Nam Jahangirnagar', more than two hundred students formed a human chain in front of JU administrative building at about 11:00am.

Terming the charges fabricated, student leaders called on the university authorities to drop the charges as early as possible.

Besides, they also demanded that the investigation committee should be disbanded and formed again with the impartial persons.

Touhid Hasan, president of Jahangirnagar Cultural Alliance said they would bring out a procession to push for the demand on Monday.

Moderated by the organising secretary of Bangladesh Students' Union, JU branch, Oliur Rahman Sun, leaders and activists of left leaning students' organisations and the cultural alliance took part at the programme.

Earlier, on May 26, two students of the university — Nazmul Hasan Rana and Arafat Hossain — were killed in a transport accident on Dhaka-Aricha Highway near the campus on their way to the university after performing a Islamic preaching campaign.

Students blocked the highway after a teacher of the university had thwarted their attempt to arrange a funeral of the deceased on the campus.

Another group of students cordoned the house of the vice-chancellor demanding a solution to the stand-off.

The vice-chancellor assured them of a peaceful solution and student leaders decided to withdraw the blockaded.

But, the police without prior notice swooped on the students, threw tear gas shells and fired rubber bullets to disperse and drive

them out of the road during the time.

Later, agitated students returned to the VC's house and vandalised that.

Authorities shut down the university on May 28 for an indefinite period and filled a case against the students.



Jahangirnagar University students form a human chain on JU campus on Sunday, demanding withdrawal of a case filed against a total of 56 students in connection with vandalising vice-chancellor's house on May 27.
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