

JU UNREST

Eminent citizens demand withdrawal of case against students

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UNIVERSITY teachers, cultural activists and civil society members on Tuesday issued a joint statement over the recent unrest at Jahangirnagar University, saying that the incident of attack on students surprised them.

They said that university authorities harassed the common students with the help of law enforcers while the issue could be resolved with the university's own rule.

A total of 17 people including Dhaka University Professor Emeritus Serajul Islam Choudhury, rights activists Hamida Hossain and Sultana Kamal, writers Syed Abul Maksud and Hasan Azizul Haque, photographer Shahidul Alam and DU teacher Tanzimuddin Ahmed signed the statement.

'We hope that the university authorities will withdraw the case against the students immediately,' the statement says.

On May 27, the uni-

versity authorities filed a case against 42 students on charge of attempt to murder and for vandalism at vice-chancellor's residence while protesting at attacks on students by police and Chhatra League activists.

Later, a Dhaka judicial magistrate's court granted bail to 42 students a day after filing the case.

The students had been demonstrating in protest at the death of two of their fellows in a traffic accident on Dhaka-Aricha highway near the campus on May 26.