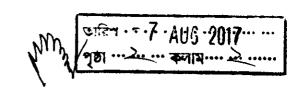
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RU political science teachers want chairman to go

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A SECTION of Rajshahi University political science department teachers on Monday observed a sitin demonstration for three hours demanding removal of the department's chairman, Nasima Zaman.

Their another demand was to ensure exemplary punishment to one of their colleagues, assistant professor Rukshana Pervin, for making 'false, fabricated and derogatory' remarks on colleagues in and outside classrooms.

A total of 11 out 13 regular teachers of the department started their sit-in at about 9:00am.

No classes were held as the teachers boycotted all activities, including classes and exams.

Protester professor SM Akram Ullah said they had no confidence in the department chairman Nasim Zaman as she had failed the department.

'We want immediate removal of Nasima Zaman separately accusing one an-

and punishment on Ruk- other. shana Akter,' he added.

The agitating teachers postponed their programme after vice-chancellor professor :Abdus Sobhan assured them of considering their demands.

Nasima Zaman, however, termed the sit-in as 'illogical, unethical and unreliable act' and said all those eleven teachers were trying to hide their wrongdoings to divert the allegations brought against them by the department.

A three-member body, headed by science faculty dean professor Akhter Farooque, was formed to investigate into the incident, confirmed registrar MA

The other two members were accounting professor Tajul Islam and clinical psychology professor Abdul Latif, he added.

Earlier on August 1 and 2. the eleven teachers, and Nasima Zaman and Rukshana Pervin submitted three written complaints

The conflict between the eleven teachers and the chairman ensued following the postponement of a meeting of the academic committee arranged to verify the allegations of making 'false, fabricated and derogatory' remarks about the teachers.

Later on 31 July, the eleven teachers and assistant professor Rukshana submitted separate written complaints to the vicechancellor.

In her complaint, Rukshana alleged that one of the eleven teachers was harassing her mentally and sexually for around two years.

also complained She that her colleagues were used to corner her academically as she revealed their wrongdoings to the students.

On August 2, the eleven teachers submitted another written complaint to the vice-chancellor against both the department chair and Rokshana.

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