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# Resumption of academic activities in JU slim

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**D**ESPITE the authorities' decision to resume academic activities of Jahangirnagar University on Nov 1, the possibility is too little, as students unity to resist the Rapists (SURR) is continuing non-stop strike supported by a section of pro-BNP teachers and students organization.

The general students thought that normal academic activities would return with the coming of a new government, but the problem on the contrary has become more complex as a section of pro-BNP teachers are adding fuel to the agitation in their own interest.

At the end of the ultimatum JCD and the SURR locked all the gates of the Registrars Building to paralyse the administrative activities. Even the JCD gheraoed the residence of the vice-chancellor, hearing the rumour that the syndicate meeting would be held at his residence.

Earlier, pro-BNP teachers allegedly directed the vice-chancellor to do only the routine work.

While contacted Prof Jasimuddin Ahmed told The Bangladesh Observer Prof Bayes wanted to approve recruitment of less qualified teachers and offi-

until their demands were implemented.

On the contrary, the authorities said there is no provision in the University Act '73 to cancel certificates of the punished rapists, and added that anti-woman-repression laws would be enacted soon.

As there is no sign of negotiation between the SURR and authorities, there is least possibility to break the deadlock which has been continuing from Aug 29.

It may be mentioned that the examinations were earlier post six times which eventually will



Students of JU demonstrating for punishment to boys who raped girls.

Students unity to Resist the Rapists has been continuing non-stop strike from Aug 29 to press home their demands which include resignation of the vice-chancellor, withdrawal of the expulsion order against seven SURR leaders, cancellation of certificates of all punished rapists, and enactment of anti-woman repression law.

Soon after BNP led four party alliance won Oct 1 election, a section of pro-BNP teachers and students laid their support to the SURR to unseat the vice-chancellor. BNP's student wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) threw a 24-hour ultimatum for the

cials and so "we told him to do only routine work".

However, though directed by the Home Ministry, the riot police unlocked the gates of the Registrar's Building, and JCD withdrew its non-stop strike, a section of pro-BNP teachers and students are adding fuel to the flame to reinforce the move to secure VC's resignation.

Though the university administration has decided to resume all academic activities on Nov 1, it has not yet taken any step to negotiate with the SURR to call off its continuing strike.

The leaders of the SURR told the Bangladesh Observer that

lead the university to more than three months session-jam adding to earlier five months session-jam.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Bayes said "I will not resign in the face of the childish demand of the agitating students".

He added those who are using simple and innocent students for their self-aggrandizement must be coerced and dissuaded from such heinous activities.

While contacted Pro-BNP teachers Prof Mostahidur Rahman ruled out the allegation of misguiding students. "They are mature enough to voice against the malpractice in the administra-