

Teachers' strike halts 19 finals at JU

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fear session jam*

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Nineteen final examinations under 10 departments and two institutes of Jahangirnagar University (JU) have been postponed due to the ongoing indefinite work abstention of public university teachers protesting "disparity" in the eighth national pay-scale.

JU teachers started the strike from January 2 as part of a movement led by the Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers' Association (FBUTA).

"If the stalemate continues, six more finals will be postponed," JU exam controller office sources said.

Apart from classes and exams, regular academic meetings, preparation of question papers and halls' administrative activities were also postponed.

At the same time, students are fearful of suffering long periods of session jams.

Seeking anonymity, a second year student of economics said, "We are afraid of session jams. We want teachers to negotiate with the authorities and resolve the issue. Why are we facing this crisis?"

Meanwhile, students have started to leave dormitories early for the weeklong winter vacation starting today.