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## Protest against JU incidents

### Varsity teachers all over country observe strike

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University teachers of the country observed full-day strike on Sunday to press home their demand for arrest and trial of those involved in the recent violent incidents at Jahangirnagar University and Islamic University.

The teachers community will also observe strike on September 8 on the same demands.

Examinations were, however, exempted from the strike. The Federation of Bangladesh University Teachers Association (FBUTA) gave the strike all in protest against the attack on Jahangirnagar University teachers on July 29 and terrorism on Islamic University campus on July 5.

According to the sources, classes of Dhaka University, Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET), Rajshahi, Chittagong, Islamic, Jahangirnagar and Agriculture University were not held because of the strike. Islamic University and Jahangirnagar University

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have since been closed.

Teachers of the universities will hold a rally on Dhaka University campus and bring out a procession in the city on September 8 in support of their demand.

All examinations will remain beyond of the programme.

Meanwhile, leaders of FBUTA at a Press conference on Sunday expressed resentment over the Government's silent role in nabbing the terrorists against whom the authorities of Jahangirnagar and Islamic Universities have lodged cases and urged the authorities concerned to take necessary action against the trouble-makers to bring back peaceful academic atmosphere on the campus.

Addressing a post-strike Press conference at Dhaka University Club, they said that Jahangirnagar University authorities have filed cases against 21 students for assaulting teachers about a month ago but the law enforcing agencies did not take any step against the culprits till today.

They said that the trouble-makers were moving freely and have been continuing their mischievous activities. Even the violence mongers dared file cases against ten teachers of the university, they added.

The Islamic University authorities have lodged cases against four students for their involvement in violent activities but the administration has been maintaining a mysterious silence in this respect, FBUTA leaders alleged.

Describing the recent violent incidents on the university campus as pre-planned conspiracy against the University Ordinance of 1973, they said that a vested quarter were hatching plot to prove the ineffectiveness of the ordinance through instigating violence.

They said that any change, without holding talks with FBUTA, in the University Ordinance would not be acceptable to teachers community of the universities.

"FBUTA is always ready to provide necessary cooperation if it is needed to bring any change in the University Ordinance of 1973 with the demand of the time, they said.

The Press conference was addressed and attended, among others, by FBUTA President Mustahiqur Rahman, Vice-President Badrul Alam, FBUTA General Secretary Abdur Rahim, M. Shafiqul, Vice-President of Islamic University Teachers' Association, Saydur Rahman, Vice-President of Dhaka University Teachers' Association and Sharif Inamul Kabir, General Secretary of Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association.