

CASE AGAINST 56 STUDENTS

JU students continue siege for fourth day

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JAHANGIRNAGAR University students on Thursday continued their demonstrations against the administration over withdrawal of charges against 56 students, who had reportedly vandalised the vice-chancellor's house during a protest.

Students continued their siege to the vice-chancellor's office for the fourth consecutive day, but relived the siege for four hours after the administration proposed them to meet in a meeting on Thursday evening.

The meeting for negotiation over the matter, however, was going on till filing of this report at 7:00pm.

Nazmul Hussain, secretary of Jahangirnagar Cultural Alliance, said, 'We just relaxed the siege on condi-

tion of negation meeting but we would continue our agitation.'

Meanwhile, seeking withdrawal of the case, anthropology professor Sayeed Ferdous started a sit-in programme at the university's central Shaheed Minar on Thursday afternoon while government and politics professor Nasim Akhter Hussain and Bangla professor Sharmin Sultana extended their support to Sayeed Ferdous's protest.

Students started their sit-in protest on Monday morning under the banner of 'Pratibader Nam Jahangirnagar'.

On Wednesday, a section of teachers under the banner of 'Santrash o Nipironer Biruddhe Sikkakhbrindha' extended their support to protestors and declared that

they would join the protest immediately at a press conference held at teachers' lounge of the arts and humanities faculty on Wednesday.

Meanwhile, the teachers' association of the university held several meetings with the protesters and the authorities in an attempt to put an end to the situation but it failed to reach any solution.

Earlier on July 17, four agitating students ended their hunger strike as the university authorities assured them of withdrawal of the case filed by registrar Abu Bakar Siddique.

The case was filed after students took to the streets in protest at deaths of two students in road accident in front of the university on May 26.