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## Strike goes on at Jahangirnagar University for removal of VC

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Strike called by a section of teachers and students demanding removal of vice-chancellor Farzana Islam has almost paralysed administrative activities of Jahangirnagar University.

Agitators went on strike on Thursday, but postponed it for Friday and Saturday.

Protesters at a rally on the campus on Sunday vowed to continue their strike in demand of removal of the vice-chancellor reportedly for her involvement in misappropriation of the university's development fund.

Pickets under the platform of Jahangirnagar against Corruption took the position in front of the old Registrar Building at 9:00am and besieged it until 3:00pm.

Philosophy professor Rayhan Rhyne, one of the spokespersons of the platform, said, 'Professor Farzana Islam will not be allowed to attend any administrative activity from now. We will continue our movement until her resignation.'

About the involvement of Islami Chhatra Shibir with the movement, which was alleged by the administration, Rayhan Rhyne said, 'The administration spreads the rumour to foil the movement.'

It was not new that a corrupt administration would tag the protesters as Shibir activists and the teachers and students had enough experience from their earlier movements to shake off such labels, said the teacher.

'The administration tries to stop the movement. They caught a former student and claimed that he was the mastermind of the movement and had links with Shibir. But we categorically say that we are on protest against a corrupt VC from a combined platform where there are teachers, students, and different progressive cultural organisations,' he added.

Ariful Islam Anik, general secretary of Bangladesh Students' Union JU unit, said, 'We will declare our next programme after a meeting. If there is any Shibir activist involved in our movement, we will remove him.'

He also said that they would protest at any kind of propaganda circulated from the administration about the protestors.

Mentionable that JU acting registrar Rahima Kaniz at a press conference on

Friday claimed that the movement against the vice-chancellor was led by Jamat-Shibir activists and they had enough documents to prove this.

The administration handed over two ex-students to Ashulia police station over the allegation of Shibir connection.