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Asst proctor, protesters hurt in scuffle during strike

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Crisis at Jahangirnagar University deepened on Wednesday after a group of agitators pressing for removal of vice-chancellor Farzana Islam were reportedly beaten up by an assistant proctor and some other students in the morning.

Assistant proctor Mohibur Rouf Shaibal was also hurt as he and a group of students collared, punched and dragged some of the protesters who took position in front of the New Arts Faculty building to impose strike demanding that the vice-chancellor should step down from her position for her reported involvement in corruption, said witnesses.

Official activities of the university were almost halted, but some classes and examinations were held during the strike.

A section of teachers and students, under the banner of Jahangirnagar against Corruption, have been come out of strike since last Thursday to press their demands.

Witnesses said assistant proctor Mohibur Rouf together with some first and second year students went to the building at about 10:00pm and reportedly rebuffed and beat up the protesters trying to picket during their strike.

The attackers punched and kicked Bangladesh Students' Union JU branch president Nazir Amin Chowdhury and drama and dramatics department student Camalia Sharmin Chura.

Both the victims filed written complaints with JU proctor seeking justice.

Later, protesters brought out a procession on the campus in protest at the attack and demanded removal of the assistant proctor.

Mohibur Rouf, however, denied the allegation that he had assaulted Nazir and other student.

About the attack, Jahangirnagar against Corruption spokesperson Professor Rayhan Rhyne said they complained to the teachers' association against the assistant proctor.

Bangabandhu Shikkhak Parishad, a platform of VC-backed teachers, and university unit Chhatra League protested at the attack on Rouf.

In the evening, agitators organised Concert against Corruption at the transport yard where bands Meghdal and Ganpoka performed.



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