

Pro-BNP teachers demand resignation of JnU VC

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A teachers' organisation aligned with the Bangladesh Nationalist Party has called for the resignation of Jagannath University's vice-chancellor, professor Rezaul Karim, accusing him of failing to address key institutional issues and contributing to instability on campus.

The demand was made in a press statement issued on Sunday, signed by professor Mohammad Nasir Uddin, president of the JnU chapter of the University Teachers' Association of Bangladesh.

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In the statement, the association noted that the historic Jagannath College in Old Town was upgraded to Jagannath University in 2005, but the institution has struggled to achieve its expected goals due to various political influences over the years.

It also alleged that the current vice-chancellor has failed to implement the outcomes of a joint movement led by teachers, students, and university staff.

The association also pointed to recent clashes between two groups surrounding the election of the JnU Journalists' Association, which it said contributed to growing tensions on campus.

The teachers' body further claimed that instead of focusing on the university's development, the vice-chancellor has been pursuing political agendas, leading to an environment of instability within the institution.

Declaring a vote of no confidence in the vice-chancellor, UTAB's JnU unit urged him to step down with dignity at the earliest opportunity. The association warned that if he fails to do so, it may launch a program of non-cooperation against him.

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