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### Concern over situation in Arts & Crafts Institute

Fifteen teachers of the Institute of Arts and Crafts expressed their concern over the situation of the institute and called upon all to end it.

In a joint statement to the Press on Sunday, they said that the allegations of the students against teacher Shamim Sikder and counter-statement by the teacher concerned had turned the whole situation complicated and volatile.

They protested the statement and remarks of Shamim Sikder and said that the 'misleading' statement made the situation more complicated.

The signatories denied the allegation that late Shilpacharya Zainul Abedin was insulted and ousted from the institute and said that such incident never occurred.

The teachers said that it was also not true that the sculptures of Shamim Sikder kept at the institute had been destroyed.

The signatories to the statement included Mohammad Kibria, Qayyum Chowdhury, Hashem Khan, Rafiqunnabi, Bulbon Osman, Jahan Ara Begum, Abdur Razzak and Matlub Ali.