

SUST teachers to announce fresh programme today

Rival teachers hold talks tomorrow

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Agitating teachers of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) aligned with Left parties and Awami League will announce a fresh agitation programme today to press their demand for immediate withdrawal of Vice-chancellor Prof Musleh uddin Ahmed to restore a 'congenial academic atmosphere' on the campus.

In another development, teachers aligned with the ruling alliance will sit with left leaning teachers tomorrow to discuss ways to resolve the deadlock at the univer-

sity, sources said yesterday.

The move for talks follows a proposal by the alliance backed teachers.

The alliance-backed teachers has so far been pressing for resumption of academic activities as well as promotion and recruitment in different departments under the present administration, which is being opposed by the left leaning teachers.

The Left teachers are demanding removal of the 'corrupt' VC and appointment of a new one from among them.

The sources said the latest move for a discussion between the two groups of teachers may find a way

out to the present impasse.

Meanwhile, female students of the varsity will stage a sit-in in front of the main gate of the university tomorrow (Sunday) for immediate end to the stalemate.

Opposition-backed student bodies will also bring out a procession from the city's Madina Market towards the university tomorrow as part of their agitation for removal.

Academic life of about 6000 students is facing a crisis as authority failed to end the stalemate, created since killing of a student in police firing on May 18. The university was closed after the incident.