

SAU teachers protest at writ against 84 teachers, officials

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TEACHERS and officials of Sylhet Agricultural University on Monday observed a two-hour sit-in on the campus demanding immediate withdrawal of a writ petition filed with the High Court allegedly by a group of pro-BNP and Jamaat teachers and officials against the recruitment of 84 teachers and officials.

Senior teachers, including chiefs of different departments, and senior officials participated in the sit-in boycotting academic and official activities.

Speakers at a rally during the sit-in alleged that 84 teachers and officials were being harassed and deprived of different facilities because of the writ petition challenging legality of their recruitment process.

Claiming that the writ petitioners would be responsible if any unwanted situation was created, they cautioned that the writ pe-

tioners would be socially boycotted if they would not withdraw the writ.

They said a group of teachers, officials and employees loyal to the Bangladesh Nationalist Party and its main ally Jamaat-e-Islami filed the writ petition with the High Court on August 7, 2013, alleging that the 84 teachers and officials were not appointed following the legal recruitment processes of the university.

SAU professor Jamal Uddin Bhuiyan, Pijos Kanti Sarker, Jiban Krishna Saha, Matiur Rahman, Sanowar Hossain Miah, Anisur Rahman, Sajidul Islam, Nirmal Chandra Roy, Afradul Islam, Rana Roy and Kishor Kumar Roy, among others, addressed the rally.

SAU deputy registrar Shawquat Hossain told New Age in the afternoon that the university authorities are trying to settle the issue through discussing with the representatives of both sides.