

# SUST teachers observe hunger strike for VC's removal

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THE agitating pro-Awami League teachers of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology observed a token hunger strike from 10am to 4pm on the campus demanding immediate withdrawal of vice-chancellor Aminul Haque Bhuiyan.

They started gathering in front of the administrative building, where the VC's office is located, on the campus from 9-30am and began observing the hunger strike under the banner of Muktizud-dher Chetanay Udbuddha Shikkhak Parishad, a forum

of the teachers inspired with the spirit of liberation war.

The university treasurer Elias Uddin Biswas reached the agitating teachers at 4pm and broke their hunger strike offering cold drink to them, the campus sources said.

The SUST treasurer at that time requested the teachers to honour the interest of the university above everything, the sources said.

Talking to New Age, the forum convener Shamsul Alam said they would boycott work between 9am and 5pm on Thursday as part of their continuous movement to press home the demand for removal

of the vice-chancellor.

He, however, said that the scheduled examinations on the campus would be out of their movement programmes. 'Next course of action would also be announced after concluding Thursday's work abstention, if the demand was not met by this time,' professor Alam added.

On the other hand, the BNP and Jamaat-backed teachers' forum in the morning demanded a judicial investigation in the incidents taking place in recent time on the campus.

They made the demand

at a press conference held under the banner of 'Mahan Muktizuddha, Bangladeshi Jatiyatabad o Dhormio Mullobodhe Shradhashil Shikkhak Parishad' on the campus at around 11-30am.

The forum convener Sajedul Karim read out a script on the programme on behalf of the platform. He said several teachers launched movements in different times against the university vice-chancellor intentionally to gain their personal interest.

'Such movement is not acceptable. For that reason, we are demanding for conducting a judicial investiga-

tion, so that such incident cannot recur on the campus,' Sajedul said.

Asked by reporters, Sajedul declined to make any comment on the incident of attack on the protesting teachers by the Chhatra League activists on August 30, saying they would not make any comment over the incident as the matter was under investigation.

The MCUSP, also a platform of the pro-AL teachers, had started their protests on April 20 for Aminul's removal on allegations of irregularities, nepotism and misbehaviour with teachers.