

Sust VC urges 35 teachers to take back admin posts

Protesters reject call, stand firm on demand for his removal

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Vice Chancellor of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) Prof Aminul Haque Bhuiyan has urged the teachers, who resigned from 37 administrative posts demanding his removal in April, to take up their posts again after the Eid-ul Azha vacation.

He made the call at a press briefing on Thursday.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, he said he requested the teachers to call off the indefinite protest and go back to work.

The VC said he wanted to settle the issue through discussions.

The vacation starts tomorrow and ends on October 3.

However, the protesters rejected the call and said their only demand was his resignation.

"We will not leave the field until our demand is met," said Prof. Syed Shamsul Alam, convener of the protesters' platform, Mahan Muktiyuddher Chetonai Udbuddho Shikkhak Brindo.

Thirty-five senior teachers, including noted writer Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, resigned on April 20 from 37 administrative posts expressing "no-confidence" in the VC.

They accused Prof Bhuiyan of irregularities, nepotism, and misbehaviour with colleagues.