

## SAU teachers observe work abstention

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TEACHERS and officials of Sylhet Agricultural University on Monday observed one-hour work abstention on the campus demanding immediate withdrawal of a writ petition filed with the High Court allegedly by a group of BNP-Jamaat backed teachers and officials.

Forty seven teachers and 37 officials of different grades of the university gathered at the university Bat Tala at the noon boycotting academic activities and official works and staged demonstration to press home their demand.

Speakers at a rally during the work abstention alleged that 84 teachers and officials

were being harassed and deprived of getting different facilities because of filing the writ petition with the High Court challenging legality of their recruitment process.

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.

The speakers alleged that the writ petitioners claimed that the 84 teachers and officials were not appointed following the legal recruitment processes of the university.

They claimed the writ petitioners are also taking all kinds of facilities, including promotions and allowances, in accordance with the uni-

versity recruitment rule, under which the 84 teachers and officials had been appointed.

So, either the writ petitioners should stop taking facilities under the recruitment rule or they have to withdraw their complaint against the rule.

Claiming the writ petitioners are playing double standard role in this regard, the agitating teachers cautioned that a tougher movement would be launched soon, if they would not agree to withdraw the writ.

SAU professor Pijos Kandi Sarker, Jiban Krishna Saha, Sanowar Hossain Miah, Anisur Rahman, Sajidul Islam and Nirmal Chandra Roy, among others, addressed the rally.