

Edn ministry
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teachers to
stop agitations

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THE education ministry on Monday asked the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology teachers and officials to suspend all kinds of agitations on the campus to create a congenial academic atmosphere.

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A circular signed by deputy secretary Zinnat Rehana also said that the ministry would oversee the campus activities for six months and then it would take necessary steps based on the development towards creating a peaceful environment at the university.

The directive was issued in the backdrop on the ongoing movement of a section of the university teachers for removal of vice-chancellor Aminul Haque Bhuiyan.

The circular said that the vice-chancellor was informed about the teachers' complaints and he had pledged to address the complaints sincerely.

It assured the teachers

that they must have access to any official of the ministry to inform any problem, lodge complaint or make any recommendation and the authorities would consider them with due importance.

The ministry also requested the teachers to discharge all of their duties including participating in the forthcoming admission process.

Copies of the circular were sent to the vice-chancellor, treasurer, register and all members of the syndicate and academic council, official sources said.

Earlier on Sunday and Monday, the ministry arranged separate sittings with the vice-chancellor and agitating teachers to

discuss the situation, the letter said.

SUST deputy register Nurul Amin confirmed New Age of receiving the letter.

On the other hand, Muktizuddher Chetanay Udbuddha Shikkhak Parishad, a forum of the pro-Awami League teachers, observed a sit-in in front of the vice-chancellor's office between 11-00am and 1-00pm on Monday for removal of the vice-chancellor.

Forum joint convener MA Gani told New Age that they already received a copy of the letter.

'We will make a decision on the matter holding a meeting,' he said.

The agitating pro-AL teachers have been stag-

ing protests on the campus since April 20 for removal of the vice-chancellor on allegation of corruption, irregularities, nepotism and misbehaviours with the fellows.

Thirty-five senior teachers, including writer Muhammad Zafar Iqbal, had resigned from 37 administrative positions expressing their 'no-confidence' in vice-chancellor Aminul Haque.

In the face of teachers' movement, Aminul Haque was forced to go on a two-month leave on April 23 citing personal ground.

The teachers resumed their movement on June 18 after Aminul announced that he would return on the campus.