

## JU likely to face 3-year session jam

SAVAR, Nov 19:—Students of Jahangirnagar University (JU) are likely to face a three-month session jam due to ongoing work abstention by teachers, upcoming winter and Eid vacations, and national elections, reports BSS.

The students of the university have already started leaving their residential halls, as there is no hope of resumption of classes before Eid-ul-Azha vacation from December 3.

The teachers' association called a work abstention programme for an indefinite period from November 8 demanding expulsion of the students allegedly involved in assaulting a teacher of the Department of Drama and Dramatics. The association also vowed to continue its work abstention until its demand is met.

"More time would be required to finalise the report on the incident and for this reason, there is no possibility of resuming the academic activities before the Eid vacation," JU proctor Mafruhi Sattar told reporters.

Many teachers and students said after the Eid vacation, the university will go into an unscheduled vacation for the national elections and the admission test that create another one year unexpected session jam. The university is now running with a two-year session jam.

Due to non-cooperation of the teachers in running departmental and academic activities, an impasse is prevailing on the campus developing frustration and resentment among the students.

Publication of the examination

results of various departments, including Departments of Economics, Government and Politics, Geological Sciences, Environmental Science, Urban and Regional Planning and Anthropology, are being delayed.

"Our honours final examinations-2005 were held in January 2008, but the results are yet to be published," many students of the English Department told this correspondent.

"The prevailing session jam of the university snatches two-year valuable time from my life putting me into a suffocating and embarrassing situation," said an MA student of the English Department, Rezaul Karim.

While contacted, Vice-Chancellor of the university Prof Dr Mohammed Muniruzzaman said they are trying to solve all the problems. He also sought cooperation from all concerned in running the university smoothly.