

Students confine JU VC, demand resignation

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GENERAL students at Jahangirnagar University on Sunday confined the vice-chancellor in his office for about one hour, demanding punishment of the Chhatra League activists who assaulted a student.

Witnesses said Siddiqir Rahman Praty, an English first year student, told the History

fourth year student, to join a BCL rally Saturday evening. As Shafiqul refused to join the rally, he attacked him.

Both are residents of AFM Kamal Uddin Hall, where the incident took place.

Kamal Uddin Hall BCL leader Mahmudur Rahman Rony, admitting that their activists had attacked a student, said the matter was settled immediately after the incident.

In protest at the incident, general students under the banner of Santrasher Birudhey Jahangirnagar on Sunday morning confined the vice-chancellor's office for around hour.

From a rally there, the students demanded resignation of Shariff Enamul Kabir from the post of vice-chancellor, accusing him of patronising the BCL activists who continued to destabilise the

campus by attacking general students.

They said the VC had failed to ensure security for the students and had lost his right to remain in office.

Appearing before the students, the VC said, 'I am going to Dhaka and returning I will see the matter.'

JU acting proctor Sukalyan Kumar Kundu said they would take necessary step if they received any written

complaint.

Meanwhile, Jahangirnagar University teachers, under the banner of Shikhhak Samaj, continued their demonstrations for the resignation of the vice-chancellor.

The teachers have been holding demonstrations since January 10 against the vice-chancellor and for punishment of the killers of English student Zubair and
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Students

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 recruitment of 'low-quality' persons as teachers.

The teachers on Sunday met the five-member committee, formed by the JU authorities, in order to address the present stalemate.

'Our ongoing protest programme to compel the VC to step down will continue,' said Shikhhak Samaj convener Professor Nasim Akhter Hossain.

Teachers on Saturday announced a six-day programme that includes holding an exchange of views in April 8-9 and strike in April 10-15.

They, however, would not hold any demonstration on the campus on April 13 and 14, said Nasim Aktar Hossain while addressing a press conference at about 4:00pm at the JU Journalists' Association office on Saturday.