

Nahid terms BUET teachers' strike 'illogical'

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EDUCATION minister Nazrul Islam Nahid on Sunday termed the ongoing strike of the teachers demanding resignation of the vice chancellor of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology as 'illogical.'

'There is no logic for the teachers not to take classes on this demand. What they are doing is unethical,' Nahid told reporters at his secretariat office.

The teachers began the strike on April 7 in protest against irregularities at BUET during the tenure of the incumbent vice chancellor and the pro vice chancellor.

They have been demanding abolition of the post of pro vice chancellor, created in 2009.

Nahid advised the teachers to go back to class rooms.

'I requested them to call off the strike as they should not continue such protest as it would create sessions jam,' he said.

He called for resolving the problems through discussions between the BUET administration and the teachers' association.

He expressed concern over halting academic ac-

tivities over last 15 days.

He said he advised vice chancellor Nazrul Islam to resolve the issues through discussions with the teachers.

Meanwhile, BUET Teachers' Association general secretary Md Ashraful Islam told New Age that the discussions with the VC failed as he showed no interests to resolve the issues involved.

The teachers alleged that at least 16 major irregularities were created by the VC and the Pro-VC.

The government appointed SM Nazrul Islam the vice chancellor in 2010.

M Habibur Rahman was appointed Pro VC in 2009.

Meanwhile, Jahangirnagar University teachers begins today week-long sit in demonstration at the administrative buildings on the campus to press the demand for resignation of vice chancellor Sharif Enamul Kabir.

The teachers have been protesting over the weeks against irregularities.

They said that the VC was involved in the irregularities.

The agitations got extra momentum after the VC failed to take any action against recent killing of student Zubair Ahmed by Chhatra League activists on the campus.