

JAHANGIRNAGAR UNIVERSITY CRISIS

Teachers demand VC panel election soon

Prof Anwar, agitators interpret chancellor's directives differently

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Agitating teachers, students, and staff of Jahangirnagar University, who think the chancellor has asked for immediately starting the process of nominating a three-member vice chancellor's panel to find Prof Anwar Hossain's successor, yesterday demanded execution of the directives soon.

The agitators raised the demand at a human chain in front of the administrative building, while JU Teachers Association (Juta), syndicate members, Shadharon Shikkhak Forum, and Shikkhak Shikkharthi-Karmokarta-Karmochari Oikya

Forum separately met the incumbent VC asking him to declare the schedule of the VC panel election immediately.

Prof Anwar, however, said on Sunday that he would meet President Abdul Hamid, also JU chancellor, to get a clear idea whether he had asked for "reconstituting the senate first and then arranging the VC panel nomination by the new senate or something else".

In his four-point directive on November 6, the president asked all concerned of the university to "immediately arrange the senate election and take steps to nominate a VC panel through the senate in accordance

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with Section 11 (1) of the Jahangirnagar University Act 1973.

Section 11 (1) reads, "The Vice-Chancellor shall be appointed by the Chancellor for a period of four years from a panel of three persons to be nominated by the Senate..."

Speaking at the human chain, Prof Kamrul Ahsan, member secretary of the oikya forum, accused Prof Anwar of "misinterpreting the chancellor's directives and prolonging his tenure by making controversial remarks".

At the programme, Juta President Prof Ajit Kumar Majumdar explained that the chancellor had asked for

"organising the process of the VC panel nomination under the current, valid senate." He said the reconstitution of the 93-member senate would take at least one year.

The agitating teachers returned to classes on November 9, after eight months of intermittent demonstrations demanding Prof Anwar's resignation since February, accusing him of failing to expel a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader who assaulted a teacher, committing irregularities in teachers' recruitment, spoiling teacher-student relations, and misusing university funds.

Prof Anwar took over in May 2012.