

JUTA goes on indefinite strike

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THE Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association went on an indefinite strike on Thursday following the cancellation of the JU vice-chancellor's decision to resign.

The strike was launched on expiry of the 72-hour ultimatum issued on Wednesday by the JUTA demanding resignation of the VC and dissolution of the proctorial body of the university for alleged failure to ensure security on the campus.

Earlier, VC Anwar Hos-

sain had decided to resign in the face of teachers' protest triggered by a mob, allegedly of Islami Chhtra Shibir members, going on a rampage on the campus on Tuesday night.

Later, Anwar withdrew the decision on request of the education minister, teachers, and leaders of student organisations.

JUTA president Ajit Kumar Mazumdar said, 'We have decided at an emergency meeting today to continue with the programme until our demands are met.'

JUTA secretary Shar-

iff Uddin said, 'The vice-chancellor's remark that Shibir was responsible for the recent rampage has tarnished the image of the university.'

He said, 'The VC since his appointment has been alienating us from the students. We no longer want to see him as the VC.'

Classes and scheduled examination were not held on Thursday at most of the departments.

Anwar dubbed the teachers' demands as irrational and accused them of demonstrating to serve certain

political interests.

'The chancellor has appointed me to run the university. I had decided to resign but later withdrew my decision considering the interests of the teachers and the students,' he said, adding, 'I will sit in a meeting with the teachers' association on Saturday.'

JUTA president Ajit said there had been no discussion on their meeting with the VC, adding, 'We may sit with him, if he requests repeatedly, but only after a general meeting of the JUTA decides to do it.'