

JU VC refuses to resign, teachers threaten tougher agitations

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THE Jahangirnagar University vice-chancellor, Anwar Hossain, refused to step down as the teachers association's 24-hour ultimatum for his resignation expired on Sunday.

At a press conference at the university senate hall, Anwar said that the Jahangirnagar University Teachers Association's movement for his resignation was illogical.

He also urged the agitators to go back to classes considering the interests of the students and the university.

Later, the association at a briefing threatened tougher agitations and said that the teachers would not go back to classes until Anwar resigned as vice-chancellor and

The association on Saturday issued a 24-hour ultimatum to Anwar to resign as the vice-chancellor.

Anwar said, 'I am an elected vice-chancellor. So it is not rational at all to resign bowing down to the illogical demands of a section of teachers.'

He said that if the students, staffs, employees and most of the teachers asked him to step down, he would resign as the vice-chancellor.

In reply, the teachers association said that Anwar should resign immediately as the association of all the teachers of the university demanded his resignation.

They also claimed that the students were with them.

The association general secretary Sharif Uddin said that Anwar had lost his moral right to hold the office as he showed reluctance to punish culprits for assault-

ing a teacher.

The academic activists at the university remained at halt posing a threat of severe session jam as the teachers association on April 25 went for the work abstention alleging that the vice-chancellor had failed to punish Bangladesh Chhatra League activists for assaulting a teacher.

Earlier, the vice-chancellor had verbally suspended Chhatra League university unit secretary the university unit Bangladesh Chhatra League general secretary Razib Ahmed Rassel on charge of assaulting economics department teacher Nurul Haque on April 6.

No official order on the suspension of the student-ship of Razib has yet been issued and finally was refused by VC, while Razib has denied the allegation.