

JU students refuse to bear with stalemate

Rally on campus demanding end to crisis by tomorrow

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Frustrated and angry for the continued disruption of academic activities at Jahangirnagar University, general students rallied on the campus yesterday, asking the teachers and the vice-chancellor to sort out their problem by tomorrow to restore academic atmosphere.

Over a hundred students gathered in front of the administrative building and said they had lost four months from their academic year due to the last six months of the teachers' movement demanding Vice Chancellor Prof Anwar Hossain's resignation.

The students threatened to announce tough protest programmes on Saturday.

Following their rally, around 300 teachers, officials, and employees held an anti-VC human chain in front of his official residence.

Meanwhile, Officers Association and Employees Union yesterday expressed solidarity with JU Teachers Association's (Juta) demand for the VC's resignation.

To reinforce Juta's movement, a new platform of teachers, students, officers and employees titled "Shikhhak-Shikharthi-Karmokarta-Karmochari" was formed with Juta President Prof Ajit Kumar Majumdar as convener.

Separately, Juta General Secretary Prof Shariff Uddin said their indefinite strike, which started on November 2, exempted all activities related to the admission tests slated for December 17-29, emergency administrative works, and JU transport service.

Meanwhile, Shadharon Shikhhak Forum continued to confine Prof Anwar to his house for the third straight day yesterday. Accusing the VC of failing to run the university, a section of teachers under the forum has been demanding his resignation since April, a year after his takeover in May 2012.