

SUST teachers abstain from work for VC's removal

Admin bans all forms of student demo on the campus

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TEACHERS agitating for removal of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology vice-chancellor Aminul Haque Bhuiyan on Sunday observed work abstention.

On Thursday afternoon, they had declared that they would abstain from work on Sunday if the vice-chancellor was not removed by Saturday and press for a judicial probe against him following an attack on teachers by activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League, student organisation of the ruling Awami League.

They also brought out a silent procession around 11:00am and held a brief rally in front of the administrative building.

The teachers also observed a one-minute silence at the ral-

ly in remembrance of Shahriar Hossain, a Master's student of architecture engineering and former convener of the university unit of Sammilta Sangskritik Jete and an activists of Sylhet unit Ganajagaran Mancha, who was found dead on Thursday night.

MCUSP convener Syed Shamsul Alam told New Age after the rally that they shortened the rally and did not announce any programme for Monday at the unwanted death of Shahriar.

They, however, decided to bring out a procession and hold a rally on the campus on Monday to mourn his death, Shamsul Alam said.

'Next course of movement in demand of the vice-chancellor's removal would be announced on Monday's rally,' he added.

Meanwhile, the university administration in the afternoon on the day imposed a ban on all kinds of demonstrations and gathering on the campus for students without permission of the authorities.

SUST proctor Kamruzzaman Chowdhury issued a notice in this regard.

The notice said, 'It has been observed that some students are arranging processions and holding rallies on the campus without taking permission of the proctor in violation of the university rules. Teachers and students are concerned about such activities.'

'So, all kinds of processions, rallies on the campus have been suspended to keep the academic and administrative environment as usual on the campus,' the notice said.

It also mentioned that

any kinds of steps would be taken, if the ban was broken.

Being contacted, SUST proctor told New Age that all activities of political party-backed student organisations were suspended on the campus since January this year as per a decision made by the university syndicate.

At least 10 teachers of the university were injured as BCL men attacked teachers on August 30 when the teachers were staging a sit-in on the campus demanding removal Aminul.

Chhatra League central committee suspended three leaders of the university unit on August 31 and the university administration suspended four students, also Chhatra League activists, on September 1 on charge of attacking the teachers.