

**Sex scandal case**

**JU teacher's acquittal leads to protests, clashes**

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Bangladesh Chhatra Federation (BCF), a left leaning student organisation, on Sunday brought out a procession on the Dhaka University (DU) campus rejecting the Jahangirnagar University (JU) syndicate decision of acquitting the accused teacher in a sex-scandal case.

The agitating students demanded immediate removal of the accused teacher Md. Sanwar Hossain Sani, head of the Department of Drama and Dramatics from the JU.

The BCF demanded formulation of a 'anti sexual regulation' with provision for a complaint cell to stop or control the growing harassment on the female students in the country's higher educational institutions.

They also demanded exemplary punishment to Dr. Kamal Uddin Ahmed, a professor of the Department of Psychology of DU who sexually harassed a female student of the same department.

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The JU Syndicate decision angered the general students and they blocked the road in front of the administrative building and vandalised several vehicles parked in the transport bay. Later, police charged baton on the students to brought the situation under control. A number of students were injured during the police action.

Following the syndicate decision, students once again laid siege to the vice chancellor and other syndicate members in the university's administrative building overnight to press their demand.

Some 10 to 12 students began fast 'unto death' programme from the midnight.

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The syndicate meeting started under strict police protection at about 2.30pm with 10 out of 12 syndicate members. Around 12 platoon police were deployed at different important points on the campus to avert any untoward incident.

On July 29 last, the JU authorities held a special syndicate meeting to discuss the long-standing student demands of formulation of 'anti-sexual regulation' as well the allegations against Prof. Sanwar.

It is learned that allegations have been raised against Prof. Sanwar on May 3 last as four female students of the Drama department submitted a written statement accusing the teacher of harassment.

Since then the students of the department had been boycotting their classes in demand of removal of the accused teacher from the university.