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A LARGE number of Jahangirnagar University teachers teamed up as Shikhhak Samaj on Saturday confined the vice-chancellor, Shariff Enamul Kabir, to his residence on the campus in protest at illegal appointment of additional teachers.

The teachers announced a daylong strike for today. They said that they would hold a two-hour strike beginning at 8:30am every day between Monday and Thursday.

Campus sources said that the teachers were rallying against 'irregularities

and nepotism' of the vice-chancellor and the administration in addition to their earlier demand for security of students and teachers after the death of the student Zubair Ahmed.

Zubair, a fourth-year student of English, was tortured by the Chhatra League activists on January 8 and he died from his injuries in United Hospital early January 9.

The sources said that the group of teachers rallying against the vice-chancellor and the group loyal to the vice-chancellor picked up a quarrel in front of the vice-chancellor's house when the viva voce for the appointment

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of teachers at mathematics department was going on inside the house.

The mathematics department earlier announced a circular on the appointment of three teachers — two lecturers and an assistant professor.

Shikhhak Samaj took to the campus roads saying that the appointment was illegal.

The Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association president, AA Mamun, said that the university administration was corrupt and it was appointing people as teachers aimed at gains in

syndicate elections.

During the fracas, a member of the selection board, Md Abdus Sattar, also the registrar of the North South University, came out of the viva voce exam.

He said that the situation was not congenial to holding the viva voce exam. The

vice-chancellor, however, continued with the exam.

The university authorities declined comments on the issue and the vice-chancellor could not be reached for comments.

Shikhhak Samaj said that it would announce fresh programmes on March 16.