

JU stalled for second day

Shikhhak Samaj, univ authorities hold separate briefings today

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JAHANGIRNAGAR University remained almost stalled for the second day on Wednesday as teachers went on a two-day strike the day before demanding resignation of the vice-chancellor.

The teachers, who are rallying under the banner of Shikhhak Samaj to push for the resignation of the vice-chancellor, Shariff Enamul Kabir, said that they would hold a meeting today to announce their next programme.

The university authorities have also decided to hold a press conference on the current campus situation.

As part of a ten-day pro-

gramme that ended today, Shikhhak Samaj observed the strike in protest at corruption, political recruitment by the vice-chancellor and his failure to ensure security on the campus.

The teachers locked up the administrative building. The police stood guard around the registrar's building. University transports did not ply.

The Shikhhak Samaj convenor, Nasim Akhtar Hosain, addressing a rally, announced a general meeting for today, adding that they would go for tougher movement if the vice-chancellor did not resign.

The registrar, Abu Bakkar Siddique, hoped that they

would soon hold a negotiation to break the stalemate.

Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association members Masud Imran, MA Mannun, ATM Atikur Rahman, Mojibul Anam, Shamsul Alam Selim, Toinalika Sultana, and Nasrin Sultana attended the rally.

The university authorities also announced a press conference for today beginning at 10.30am at the Zahir Raihan Auditorium where the vice-chancellor will speak on the current campus situation.

Enamul Kabir on Wednesday sat at a meeting with the teachers' association to discuss the matter.

The teachers at their rally

pushed for their eight-point demands that include an end to requirement of teachers on political grounds, judicial investigation of the killing of Zubair Ahmed, and investigation of the administration's irregularities and patronisation of criminals.

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 proctor Arjit Miah, meanwhile on January 16, resigned his position in the face continued protests by teachers and students concerning the death of Zubair.