

JUTA unhappy about VC's appointment

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THE Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association on Saturday voiced its objection to the appointment of Dhaka University professor Anwar Hossain as the vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University.

The association requested the government to reconsider the decision, if possible, and appoint the vice-chancellor from among Jahangirnagar University teachers.

The association gave this reaction at a general meeting on Saturday evening. The association's president AA Mamun presided over the meeting. The general secretary, Sharif Uddin, and other members attended.

In resolving the crisis, a teacher from another university was made vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University. The university family is shocked and surprised at this decision. We request the government to reconsider the decision if it is possible and to appoint the vice-chancellor from among qualified teachers of Jahangirnagar University, the association's statement said.

Anwar Hossain, a professor of biochemistry and molecular biology and presi-

dent of the Dhaka University Teachers' Association, was made vice-chancellor of Jahangirnagar University on Thursday after Shariff Enamul Kabir had resigned amid protests by teachers and students who had rallied for a few months for his removal.

The association, however, thanked the president, Zillur Rahman, also chancellor of the university, and the prime minister, Sheikh Hasina, for resolving the crisis of the university.

The decisions were made at the meeting unanimously, AA Mamun said.

Nasim Akhtar Hossain, convener of Jahangirnagar University teachers' platform called Shikkhak Samaj that had rallied against Enamul Kabir, told New Age, 'Our one-point demand was the resignation of Shariff Enamul Kabir as vice-chancellor and we thank the president and the prime minister for the decision. But Jahangirnagar University teachers will be happy if a teacher of the university is made vice-chancellor,' he said.

The association also demanded exemplary punishment of Enamul Kabir after investigation of the allegations levelled against him.