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Buet teachers now wait for Nahid's steps Postpone demo for 2 days

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Agitating Buet teachers have postponed their demonstration for two days from today "to show respect" to the education minister's initiative in resolving the ongoing crisis through negotiations.

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days to show respect to the education minister's initiative.

"And also to prove that we did not launch the movement to embarrass the government," said Prof Ashraful Islam, general secretary of the Buet Teachers' Association, at a press briefing yesterday.

The postponement decision came a day after Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid said the agitating teachers did not want a solution.

They declared an extreme programme at a time when he had taken an initiative to break the deadlock through discussions and decided to meet the prime minister to find a way out.

Behind the issuing of the Sunday deadline, there might be a motive on someone's part to foil the efforts being made to resolve the crisis, Nahid alleged.

At yesterday's press briefing, Prof Islam said, "There is no scope of misunderstanding between us and the minister. We have faith in the president, the prime minister and the education minister."

Clarifying their threat to

resign en masse, Prof Islam said, "We will have no other alternative if the VC and the pro-VC continue to hold their posts despite all these demonstrations and movement."

"It is not possible for the Buet teachers to work under this VC and the pro-VC who have failed to run the university properly and are involved in irregularities and corruption. That is why we have decided to resign en masse," he said.

Prof Islam strongly condemned the Buet VC's threat to hire teachers from outside if the agitating teachers resigned en masse.

"A vice-chancellor who could make such irresponsible remarks should resign immediately," he told the briefing held in front of the vice-chancellor's office.

The movement began on Wednesday when the authorities shut the institution for 44 days in advance for Ramadan and Eid-ul-Fitr. It gained momentum when a large number of students joined them.

The same day, the heads of all faculties, institutes and departments of Buet resigned in a body.