

## Teachers, students continue to demonstrate at BUET Demand removal of VC, Pro-VC

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TEACHERS and students of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology on Monday held their scheduled sit-in demonstration on the campus demanding removal of the vice-chancellor and the pro vice-chancellor.

They held the demonstration at the academic council building from 11 AM to 1 PM for the third consecutive day since resuming their protests.

They have been demanding the removal of VC SM Nazrul Islam and pro VC Habibur Rahman.

On July 18, they had postponed their sit-in for the

two days in deference to an initiative taken by education minister Nuzul Islam Nahid to resolve the standoff.

They also put off their decision to resign en masse on July 21 following requests from former BUET vice-chancellors and alumni federation members.

BUET Teachers' Association members told New Age on Monday that they would start handing in letters of resignation from July 31 a day after the deadline of mass resignation expires.

The sit-in demonstrations began on July 11 with the teachers and students demanding the removal of the VC and the Pro-VC, since

they closed the university on the night of July 10 for 44 days.

On the same day, all the five deans and the 17 heads of department and directors of three institutes of BUET resigned in protest against the refusal of the VC and the Pro-VC to quit.

Earlier the teachers rallied on the campus from April 8 to May demanding removal of the VC and the Pro-VC, who faced 16 allegations.

Corruption and irregularities in BUET affairs including illegal appointment of the pro-vice-chancellor and a deputy registrar on political grounds have been drawing the protests.