

## Ruet deadlock ends

*Mayor says VC ready to resign;  
VC says resignation if govt asks*

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The prevailing deadlock over removal of Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology (Ruet) vice chancellor came to an end yesterday as protestors withdrew their programmes on the campus upon assurance of the VC's resignation within a month.

The decision came after conciliation talks between the agitators, Vice Chancellor Prof Sirajul Karim Chowdhury and Rajshahi city Mayor AHM Khairuzzaman Liton on the campus yesterday, Ruet sources said.

The agitators decided to withdraw their programme as the VC will resign within a month, the city mayor informed reporters.

~~Since November 18, 2017, teachers, students and university staff held protest programmes on the campus under the banner "Progatisheel Chhatra-Shikkhak-Karmakarta-Karmachari Oikkyo Parishad".~~

Dr Kamruzzaman Sarker, convener of the parishad, said they withdrew as the VC assured them that he will resign willingly within a month and will not take any punitive action against the agitators.

"We will launch fresh movement if the VC does not resign within the stipulated time," Sarker said.

However, Prof Sirajul Karim Chowdhury said he would only resign after direction from government high-ups.