

No salary for 3 months at Rokeya University

Teachers on work abstention, employees vandalise administration building

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EMPLOYEES vandalised the administration building of Begum Rokeya University in Rangpur demanding salaries and allowances while the work abstention of the teachers continued for the fifth day on Thursday.

The Employees Union of the university brought out a procession in the campus demanding immediate payment of their arrears for three months and festival allowance.

As the procession reached the administration building, some of the agitated employees vandalised

a few rooms and furniture, witnesses said.

The academic activities at the university remained almost suspended as most of the teachers continued with their work abstention for the fifth day.

Progressive Teachers Alliance went on indefinite work abstention on July 28 pressing for seven point demands including payment of all outstanding salaries and allowances, immediate regularisation of jobs of the ad-hoc teachers, leave for higher studies for the teachers, up-gradation of the working teachers and immediate appointment of

teachers in all vacant posts at the departments.

Sammilita Shikkhak Samaj, a platform of teachers of the university, however, did not join the work abstention.

Its member secretary Tuhin Wadud said that they were discharging their academic duties.

Progressive Teachers Alliance member secretary Gazi Majharul Anowar, however, said that classes and exams remained almost suspended as 72 of the 92 teachers were on work abstention.

The protesting teachers and employees said that they got no salary for the months

of May, June and July.

The university treasurer, Mozzammel Haque, who is discharging the functions of the vice-chancellor, said that the salaries were not paid since May due to fund crisis and the vice-chancellor AKM Nurunnabi, were now staying in Dhaka to resolve the crisis.

The University Grants Commission has sanctioned Tk 5.80 crore for 2012-2013 financial year for all expenditures including the payment of 262 teachers and staff, while the university has to pay 636 teachers, officials and employees, Mozzammel said.