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BEGUM ROKEYA UNIVERSITY

6 asst proctors resign

State 'police atrocity on teachers, students' as reason

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Six assistant proctors of Begum Rokeya University submitted their resignation letters to the acting registrar on Saturday night hours after tripartite clashes on the Rangpur campus left at least 36 people, including six teachers and officials, injured.

Though the letters cited "personal causes" for the resignation, the six told The Daily Star that it was in protest of "police atrocity on teachers and students" during the clashes.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Abdul Jalil Miah was, however, yet to accept the resignations till filing of this report in the afternoon.

The six are associate professors Rishin Parimal and Shafiq Ashraf of Bangla; Lecturer Asif Al Matin of English; Assistant Prof Kamalesh Chandra Roy of mathematics; Assistant Prof Tarqul Islam of chemistry; and Assistant Prof Md Azizur Rahman of management studies.

The clashes ensued when several hun-

dred teachers, students and staff, under the "Durniti Birodhi Mancha" banner, went to lay siege to the VC's residence and was attacked by some 50 VC-backed students, said witnesses.

Police, to bring the situation under control, lobbed some 50 teargas shells, fired 10 rubber bullets and charged baton on the warring factions.

The mancha were demanding the VC's resignation for his alleged involvement in corruption in appointing teachers, officials and employees and withdrawal of the April 18 suspension of four teachers and two officials who are the mancha's members.

The university authorities, following an emergency syndicate meeting presided over by the VC on Saturday, declared an indefinite suspension of academic activities and withheld the suspension of the six teachers and officials for seven days.

They also formed a four-member probe committee to investigate Saturday's incident.