

## BRUR VC confined for fourth day

*Permanent teachers withdraw from protest*

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Though the permanent teachers and staff of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur (BRUR) withdrew from their protest after being assured of payment of three months' salaries by Monday, the temporary ones confined the vice chancellor for the fourth straight day yesterday.

Associate Prof Abu Kalam Md Farid-ul Islam, joint convener of "Progotishil Shikkhak Samaj", a platform of temporary teachers, said they would not backtrack from the demonstration until their salaries were deposited in their bank accounts.

They took the decision at an emergency meeting, around five hours after "Sachetan Shikkhak Samaj", a forum of permanent teachers, withdrew from their fast unto death and sit-in around 2:00pm yesterday and postponed their protest till Monday.

The teachers and staff, both permanent and temporary, have confined VC Prof AKM Nur-un-Nabi since around 11:00am on Tuesday, demanding salary arrears for the last four months till August and regularisation of the job of 338 temporary teachers and staff.

Dr Tuhin Wadud, member secretary of "Sachetan Shikkhak Samaj", told The Daily Star that they postponed their programmes after the assurance from the VC, but they would re-launch the movement if the authorities failed to meet their demands by Monday.

A total of 674 staff and teachers are currently employed at BRUR against 336 permanent posts. The overstaffing has created a fund crunch causing a delay in the payment of salaries.

Earlier, the VC said the UGC would decide on the temporary teachers and staff within this month, and he had nothing to do with them now.

The VC was confined till around 11:00pm last night when the report was filed.