

JU teachers halt demo

President asks authorities to hold VC panel polls

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The agitating Jahangirnagar University teachers yesterday postponed their movement after the chancellor issued a directive to the VC for arranging the senate election to nominate a VC panel soon.

They announced the decision at a press conference at the VC's residence around 5:00pm, saying the VC would have to announce a schedule for senate election to nominate the panel by tomorrow.

The teachers will return to teaching in classrooms and hold examinations regularly from today (Saturday), Prof Kamrul Ahsan, member secretary of Sadharan Shikkhak Forum, told newsmen.

Ending the VC's confinement in his residence, Prof Kamrul said they would go for a new course of action if the VC

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fails to announce the schedule and implement the chancellor's four directives.

The chancellor in his directives asked the agitating teachers to call off their movement unconditionally.

He also asked the VC to withdraw a writ petition filed against the agitating teachers, start activities of syndicate and other committees and begin admission process of the university.

Vice-chancellor Prof Anwar Hossain said the chancellor had asked him to arrange elections of all components, including senate, JU Central Students' Union, registered graduates and syndicate.

However, Prof Hanif Ali, convenor of the forum, said the chancellor had asked the VC to arrange a VC's panel election immediately but he was misinterpreting the directives.

The directives had come after recommendations were made to the chancellor following a meeting between the parliamentary standing committee on education ministry and the VC.

Two teachers of the forum also attended the meeting that was held on October 23.

The agitating teachers had kept the VC confined to his residence since last Sunday.