

# JU crisis deepens

## Teachers declare fresh strike from Sept 28 demanding VC's resignation

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Jahangirnagar University (JU) teachers yesterday declared a strike from September 28 demanding the vice-chancellor's (VC) resignation as, they claimed, the probe report on the allegations against the VC missed its September 24 submission deadline.

If Prof Anwar Hossain did not resign by September 30, they will embark on tougher movements from October 1, said the teachers under the Sadharon Shikkhak Forum at a press conference on the campus.

Education Secretary Kamal Abdul Naser Chowdhury told The Daily Star last night that the committee had sought time till September 29, when the report would be submitted.

The two-member committee led by University Grants Commission member M

Muhibur Rahman was formed on September 2 upon a directive of President Abdul Hamid, also the JU chancellor.

The crisis began on April 6 when Bangladesh Chhatra League's JU unit General Secretary Rajib Ahmed Rasel assaulted a teacher.

The agitating teachers launched a movement on April 14 demanding the VC's removal for not expelling Rajib. They also accused him of doing anomalies in teachers' appointments, ruining the campus by taking up unnecessary projects, and misusing funds.

Since April 27, the teachers have been observing strikes at different times. Coupled with other shutdowns, this has caused nearly three months' of session jam.

Academic and administrative activities in the running session were suspended for 34 and 43

days respectively till date, stated the registrar building sources. The students claim the figures are much higher.

Moreover, the teachers have not been attending the meetings of the central admission committee and of the syndicate and finance body as these are headed by the VC.

Without holding meetings, the central admission committee is not being able to decide on whether to hold the 2013-14 session admission exams department or faculty-wise, although the schedule has been fixed from November 2 to 9.

The absence of syndicate meetings is barring MPhil and PhD candidates from getting admission and holding back evaluation of 70 theses while that of the finance body is barring 25 teachers from getting retirement allowances, added the sources.