

JU teachers protest appointment of three deans

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A section of teachers of Jahangirnagar University staged a sit-in before the vice-chancellor's residence on the campus yesterday for an indefinite period demanding his resignation.

The teachers, under the banner of Sadharan Shikkhak Forum, have also been confining Registrar Abu Bakar Siddique and Deputy Registrar Abu Hasan to their offices since Monday afternoon over appointment of three deans.

The VC could not appoint any one as an investigation into some allegations brought against him was going on, said the forum Convener Hanif Ali at a press conference on the campus yesterday.

Meantime, another section of teachers, under the banner of Shikkhak Mancha, at a press conference at new arts faculty yesterday demanded the chancellor's intervention in this regard.

Sources said VC Prof Anwar Hossain on Monday sent an order to the registrar to appoint former JU VC Prof Abdul Bayes, Prof Nasim Akter Hossain and Prof Md Rafiqunnabi as the deans of business studies, law, and biological science faculties respectively.

Prof Anwar said he sent the appointment order according to the university act.

The agitating teachers have been demanding the VC's resignation since April 27 as he, among others, allegedly did not punish JU Bangladesh Chhatra League unit Secretary Razib Ahmed over assaulting Economics Department lecturer Nurul Haque on April 6. The VC said he would not comment over his resignation before publishing the probe report.