

JU teachers declares VC unwanted on campus

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JAHANGIRNAGAR University teachers have declared the vice-chancellor, Anwar Hossain, persona non grata on the campus for his alleged irregularities and reluctance to punish a Chhatra League leader who had assaulted a teacher.

The Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association at a general meeting on Tuesday decided to return to classes after about two months' work abstention.

They decided that no administrative activities would be allowed under the incumbent Anwar Hossain.

The association's president Ajit Kumar Majumder said that Anwar had lost his moral right to be in vice-chancellor's office. 'We no longer want him in the university.'

The association's general secretary Sharif Uddin said that they would begin fresh agitation in front of his office from today for an indefinite period until the vice-chancellor stepped down.

If the vice-chancellor tries to hold administrative activities from his house or in any other places on the campus, they would put up firm resistance, he added.

The teachers' association raised its voice against the vice-chancellor as he tried to save the university unit Chhatra League general secretary Rajib Ahmed Russell, who had assaulted a teacher of economics, Nurul Haque.

After Nurul had been assaulted, teachers held a series of protests demanding punishment of the accused.

At one point, the vice-chancellor refused to punish Rajib and said that he was innocent. The association then began work abstention demanding the vice-chancellor's resignation.

Brushing aside the demand of the teachers, the vice-chancellor warned Rajib saying that if he got involved in further chaos on the campus, he would be suspended for three months.

Rejecting such a light punishment, the teachers vowed to continue with their strike.

The association earlier asked the vice-chancellor to resign for his 'irregularities,' violence between students and the police, rampage on the campus on August 1, 2012 teachers' recruitment, nepotism and illegal admission.

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