

JU teachers besiege VC office

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THE agitating teachers of Jahangirnagar University on Thursday laid siege to the office of vice chancellor Professor Anwar Hossain for the second consecutive day demanding his immediate resignation.

The members of JU Teachers' Association besieged the VC office at 7:00am and continued it till 5:00pm.

Anwar, however, was

not at his office Thursday during the agitation.

Earlier on Wednesday, the members of JUTA declared incumbent VC Anwar Hossain as persona non grata on the campus for not taking appropriate measure against JU unit Bangladesh Chhatra League general secretary Rajib Ahmed Russell.

Russell allegedly assaulted Nurul Haque, a lecturer of Economics department and syndicate member, on April 6.

JUTA had also decided not to allow administrative activities, including senate, syndicate and academic council meetings, to be held under the incumbent VC.

In the face of the teachers' agitation the authorities were forced to cancel the Syndicate meeting due at 4:00pm Thursday.

President of the organization Professor Ajit Kumar Majumdar said, 'Resignation of the VC is our lone demand. We will take steps

considering situation, if the VC wants to hold any meeting forcibly.'

However, despite repeated attempts, Anwar Hossain could not be reached over phone for his comment.

Meanwhile, classes in many departments were held on the day after the reopening of the university following the teachers' month-long work abstention.

Additional police forces have been deployed on the campus.