

JU syndicate meet postponed amid teachers' protests

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A MEETING of the Jahangirnagar University syndicate scheduled for Friday was postponed in the face of protests made by a section of teachers.

A large number of Awami League-backed teachers also besieged the vice-chancellor's office at the same time, censuring his rough comments about two teachers of the university.

The agitating teachers lay siege to the VC office and put it under lock and key at around 2:30pm. The JU syndicate meeting was scheduled to be held there at 4:00pm.

At 4:00pm JU registrar Abu Bakkar Seddique requested the demonstrating

teachers to unlock the registrar building so that the syndicate meeting could take place, but the agitating faculty brushed aside the registrar's request.

Afterward, VC Anwar Hossain, pro-VC Afsar Ahmed (Admin) and MA Matin (Academic) along with syndicate members sat in the syndicate meeting under some trees as they had failed to enter the registrar building despite making repeated request. The VC then postponed the meeting.

The restive teachers demonstrating under the banner of 'Belief in Banghabandhu's ideology and the independence war' alleged that VC Anwar Hossain dubbed the teachers' association secretary

Anwar Hossain as insane.

Sources said the VC called in four proctorial body members who had tendered their resignation to ask them what made them to resign. It was at that session that VC Anwar Hossain had made the coarse comments.

Meanwhile, the VC also criticised his predecessor and now an incumbent member of the Public Service Commission, Shariff Enamul Kabir, sources alleged.

Prof Asit Baron Pal said the VC had no moral right to conduct the syndicate meeting, delivering untrue, dishonouring, and inhuman comments.

Prof Khabir Uddin said we have lost the last grain of our faith in the VC as he

cannot honour the teachers.

Prof Ameer Hossain told this correspondent that as the VC how he could term one of his colleagues mad. He should step down from his office as he has no right to mar the fame of the university.

VC Prof Anwar said some important issues would be solved in the syndicate meeting but role of the teachers here was so frustrating.

On the other hand, JU Teachers' Association has launched a movement demanding the vice-chancellor's resignation for different alleged acts of injustice on the campus.

The teachers have called a general meeting today to decide their next course of action, after abstaining from work for the past one week.