

Six Juta members decide to resign protesting confinement of pro-VCs

JU CORRESPONDENT

Three executive and three general members of Jahangirnagar University Teachers Association (Juta) yesterday announced that they would resign protesting confinement of the two pro-vice chancellors even after postponement of the teachers' representatives election to the senate on November 23.

Juta decided on November 21 that they would put an end to the confinement if the December 7 election was postponed, said Prof Aminul Islam, a member of the 15-member executive body. But ignoring the democratic decision, some teachers are still confining the pro-VCs, he added.

"Decisions have long been taken ignoring democracy in Juta. That's why we decided to resign," said Prof Rayhan Rayne,

a general member.

The six teachers will submit their resignation letters to the Juta president today. The four others are executive members Prof KM Mohiuddin and Prof Fazlul Karim Patoary and general members Prof Nasim Akhtar Hossain and Prof Manosh Chowdhury.

A section of teachers under the banner of "Shikkhak-Shikkharthi-Karmokarta-Karmochari Oikya Forum" has been confining Pro-VC (education) Prof MA Matin and Pro-VC (admin) Prof Afsar Ahmed since November 20 demanding that acting vice chancellor Prof Matin announce the schedule of a VC panel election immediately, while VC Prof Anwar Hossain is on leave.

Meanwhile, a group of teachers under the banner of "Shikkhak Mancha", who believe

SEE PAGE 3 COL 1

Six Juta

FROM PAGE 5

that removal of the VC will not result in any solution, yesterday condemned the confinement and demanded restoration of the academic atmosphere on the campus.

From a rally at JU Shaheed Minar, they raised a six-point demand including release of the pro-VCs, ensuring co-existence of all student bodies, reconstitution of the senate, and holding classes and examinations regularly.

"Violating human rights, they [agitating teachers] have been confining the pro-VCs to their offices. We demand their immediate release and seek the chancellor's intervention to resolve the stalemate on the campus," said Prof Nasim Akhtar Hossain of "Shikkhak Mancha".

Some leaders and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League joined the rally.

Meanwhile, Prof Anwar Hossain yesterday extended his sick leave to December 2 from November 28. Earlier, he extended the leave on November 23.