

CRISIS AT JU

Teachers' rep to senate polls postponed

Movement for VC's resignation, election of VC panel, cancellation of MPhil and PhD students' right to participate in Jucusu polls continues

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Jahangirnagar University teachers' demand for postponement of the December 7 election of teachers' representatives to the senate was met yesterday in the face of the teachers' movement.

The JU authorities have postponed the December 7 election, said a statement which was signed by the JU registrar.

However, the teachers along with students and staff of the university continued their movement to press home their demands seeking resignation of Vice Chancellor Prof Anwar Hossain and that the VC arranges election of a VC panel by the senate immediately.

About 700 teachers, students and staff organised a torch procession followed by a rally on the campus pressing home their demands.

Under the banner "Shikkhak-Shikkharthi-Karmokarta-Karmochari Oikya Forum", they also vowed to continue holding two pro-VCs and the registrar in confinement until their demand is met.

The pro-VCs -- Prof MA Matin and Prof Afsar Ahmed -- and Registrar Abu Bakar Siddique have been confined to their offices since Wednesday.

Meanwhile, students under "Aniom er Biruddhe Amra Shikkharti Brindo" brought a procession on the campus protesting the decision of allowing MPhil and PhD students to contest and cast votes in Jahangirnagar University Central

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Student Union (Jucusu) elections.

They said as MPhil and PhD students could not reside in the university dormitories, they could not contest in Jucusu elections. The teachers have expressed their solidarity with the demonstrators.

Meanwhile, Prof Kamrul Ahsan, member secretary of Shikkhak-Shikkharthi-

Karmokarta-Karmochari Oikya Forum, alleged that although the VC was on sick leave for three days, he took classes at private universities during that time.

He further said the VC's leave ended on Friday but he did not come to the university yesterday.

The VC did not pick up his phone despite repeated attempts to contact him for comments.