

Teachers go on strike at BRUR for arrears

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A section of teachers of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur (BRUR) yesterday started an indefinite strike to realise a seven-point demand, including salary arrears.

Other demands include regularisation of jobs of the teachers who have been appointed on an ad hoc basis and appointment of teachers against all the vacant posts.

A section of officials and employees who were appointed on the ad hoc basis during the tenure of immediate past vice-chancellor Abdul Jalil Miah also started such strike for salary arrears.

The teachers under the banner of "Muktajuddher Chetanay Progotishil Shikkhak Samaj," who were loyal to Abdul Jalil Miah, called the strike on Wednesday.

Associate Professor Abu Kalam Md Farid-ul Islam, joint convener of the association, told The Daily Star that they are yet to get salary for the months of May, June and July and bonus for Eid-ul-Fitr.

Dr AKM Nurun Nabi, vice-chancellor of BRUR, told The Daily Star that the BRUR authorities will manage the salary arrears within a few days.

Dr Tuhin Wadud, member secretary of "Sochetan Shikkhak Samaj", another section of teachers who waged movement against irregularities during Jalil Miah's tenure, said defying the strike, they went to the campus yesterday but failed to join the academic activities as all the academic buildings were kept under lock and key.

BRUR sources said 674 teachers, officials and employees were appointed against 336 permanent posts during the tenure of Jalil Miah. As a result, salary and other allowances allocated for the staff finished three months ago.