

Reconstitute JU senate before VC panel election

Demands a section of teachers

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A section of teachers of Jahangirnagar University yesterday demanded reconstitution of the senate before election of the vice chancellor, as most of the current senate members are loyal to former VC Prof Shariff Enamul Kabir who was removed in May 2012 for allegations of irregularities in teachers' recruitment and patronising pro-ruling party students.

Moreover, the tenures of 78 out of 93 members of the senate have expired, they said, expressing the fear that the election of a new VC amid this would aggravate the crisis rather than solve it. Under the banner, "Muktijuddho O Progotibadi Chetonay Bishwasi, Shikhhak Der Jote", the teachers raised the demand through a press conference at New Arts Faculty Building.

"The existing senators are not representing us--the teachers, students. It's carrying an ill motive to bring someone to power illegally," said Prof ATM Atiqur Rahman.

The protesting teachers also hinted at going for legal action to stop the election of the three-member panel of candidates for VC, scheduled for February 20. The panel is nominated by the senate and the chancellor appoints one as VC from the three.

The teachers believe that if the current senate nominates the panel, someone loyal to Prof Shariff might be appointed as VC, and teachers who protested against Prof Shariff's irregularities might go for movement again, destabilising the campus.

On January 23, President Abdul Hamid appointed Prof MA Matin as acting VC for one month after Prof Anwar quit on January 13 over allegations of irregularities in teachers' recruitment and misusing funds, and directed to arrange the

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election of a panel of VC candidates within the period. Prof Nqsim Akhtar Hossain, Prof Muzubur Rahman, Prof KM Mohiuddin, Prof Sazed Ashraf Karim, and Assistant Prof Rezwana Karim Snigdha also spoke on the occasion.