

Take steps to remove Sust VC *Suranjit urges education minister*

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Awami League leader Suranjit Sengupta yesterday urged the education minister to take immediate steps to remove the vice chancellor of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology in Sylhet (Sust).

"Closing eyes does not help stop a catastrophe. So consider a problem to be a problem and take immediate steps to solve it," he said, pointing to Education Minister Nurul Islam Nahid, at a discussion at the Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh in the capital.

The senior AL leader made such remarks amid the ongoing movement of a section of teachers demanding removal of VC Prof Aminul Haque Bhuiyan.

Suranjit, also a member of the AL Advisory Council, said the VC was accused of using students to misbehave with the teachers. "And that is why he [the VC] should go willingly. Otherwise, the ministry [education ministry] will have to remove him."

On August 30, alleged BCL activists swooped on agitating teachers at the university in Sylhet during the latter's scheduled demonstration to stop the VC from entering his office. Several teachers, including Prof Yasmeen Haque, wife of Prof Zafar Iqbal, were assaulted at the time.

Protesting the assault, the teachers observed a three-day programme including work stoppage, token hunger strike and rally on the campus since Tuesday.

On Thursday, a group of students expressed solidarity with them and staged a sit-in. Both the teachers and students threatened to go for tougher movement if the VC is not removed by today.