

SUST teachers demand judicial probe against VC

Expelled student allowed to take part in exam

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SHAHJALAL University of Science and Technology authorities allowed a student to take part in an examination on Wednesday, a day after he was expelled, while the agitating teachers demanded a judicial probe against vice-chancellor Aminul Haque Bhuiyan.

Zahid Hasan Nayeem, a student of department of forestry and environmental engineering of SUST attended an examination Wednesday despite he was suspended a day earlier.

He is one of the four students suspended by the university on Tuesday because of assaulting teachers who demanded for removal of corrupt vice chancellor.

Narayan Saha, chief of forestry department, told reporters that Nayeem could sit in the exam.

He said they had not received any suspension order against the student until on the day.

As part of their three-day agitation programme, the observed a three-hour work abstention till noon on Wednesday protesting at Sunday's attack on their demonstration by activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League, the student wing of the ruling Awami League, that left 10 teachers injured.

Under the banner of Muktizuddher Chetanay Udbuddha Shikkhak Parishad, a forum of the teachers inspired with the spirit of the national liberation war, they also brought out a silent procession on the campus at around 11am from the teachers' canteen and held a rally in front of the vice-chancellor's office at noon demanding his withdrawal from the university.

Addressing the rally, the teachers urged prime minister Sheikh Hasina to conduct a judicial probe against vice-chancellor Aminul Haque Bhuiyan.

They also called for cir-

culating the video footages of Sunday's incident on the campus so that the countrymen could see what had happened and who were responsible for unleashing the attack on the teachers.

MCUSP convener Syed Shamsul Alam chaired the rally that was addressed, among others, by SUST teachers' association former president Muhammad Yunus, professor Mastabur Rahman, Abdul Gani, Dipen Devnath, Anwarul Islam and Hasanuzzaman Shyamal, associate professor Faruk Uddin and assistant professor Emdadul Haque.

The protesting teachers would observe a four-hour token hunger strike on the campus from 9am on Thursday as part their three-day protest programme on the campus before announcing their next course of action, the forum president said.

On Sunday, 10 teachers were injured as Chhatra

League activists attacked a section of pro-Awami League teachers who were staging a sit-in in front of the vice-chancellor's office demanding his removal.

The chiefs of different offices of the SUST would also observe a two-hour work abstention between 9am and 11am on Thursday to protest at BCL's attack on the teachers.

The university office chiefs' association convener Zaynal Abedin confirmed New Age of the decision of boycotting work for two hours.

The MCUSP, also a platform of the pro-AL teachers, started their protests on April 20 for Aminul's removal on allegation of irregularities, nepotism and misbehaviour with teachers.

Thirty five senior teachers, including Prof Zafar Iqbal, had resigned from 37 administrative posts expressing 'no-confidence' in VC Aminul.