

SUST teachers hold sit-in for VC's removal

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PRO-AWAMI League teachers of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology on Tuesday issued a two-day ultimatum to vice-chancellor Aminul Haque Bhuiyan demanding his resignation.

They gave the ultimatum in the afternoon after staging a sit-in in the vice-chancellor's office on the campus, the campus sources said.

Leaders of the pro-AL teachers took position in the vice-chancellor office around 11:00am and stayed there for two hours, the sources said.

Syed Shamsul Alam, president of Muktijuddher Chetanay Udbuddha Shikkhak Parishad, read out a written speech during the sit-in urging Ami-

nul Haque to step down from the post of vice-chancellor.

The agitating teachers' representatives did not allow any employees or officials to enter the vice-chancellor office during the sit-in.

Being contacted, SUST vice-chancellor Aminul Haque claimed that a group of teachers had come to his office to discuss on some issues.

They, however, have demanded my resignation. I have told them that I am working for the interest of the university. I would not resign until the authorities concerned ask me to do so, he said.

A section of pro-AL teachers started protests in demand of the VC's withdrawal on April 20.

Thirty-five senior teach-

ers also had resigned from 37 administrative posts to protest against the VC's alleged irregularities, nepotism and misdemeanor.

In the face of teachers' movement Aminul Haque was forced to go on a 2-month leave on April 23 citing personal ground.

The teachers resumed their movement from June 18 after Aminul Haque announced that he would return to the campus after ending his leave.

On July 23, the teachers postponed their agitation after a meeting with the education minister.

They, however, had claimed that they would continue with their peaceful movement until removal of the vice-chancellor.