

SUST teachers continue demo

VC barred from entering office

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THE Shahjalal University of Science and Technology vice-chancellor, Aminul Haque Bhuiyan, could not enter his office on Tuesday, as the pro-Awami League teachers continued their demonstration programme on the campus demanding his immediate removal.

The VC also tried to hold a syndicate meeting at his campus residence in the afternoon; but the agitating teachers cordoned off his residence and forced him to suspend the meeting.

Witnesses said teachers, under the banner of Mukti-zuddher Chetanay Udbud-dha Shikhhak Parishad, a

teachers' forum inspired by the spirit of the liberation war, locked up the registrar building on the campus and staged a sit-in in front of it at about 8:00am to press home their demand.

In the face of teachers' agitation, the VC tried to hold a pre-scheduled syndicate meeting at his campus residence in the afternoon to approve the appointments of the student affairs advisor and provosts of several residential halls.

Being informed, the agitating teachers cordoned off the VC's residence and forced him to postpone the meeting.

Later, SUST unit activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League, ruling Awami

League-backed student organisation, unlocked the registrar building at about 1:00pm.

SUST Teachers' Association former general secretary Faruk Uddin, also a syndicate member, told New Age that they would continue their protest programme until the VC was removed from the university.

AL Sylhet city unit president Badar Uddin Ahmad Kamran, also a former mayor of the Sylhet City Corporation, talked to the VC and the agitating teachers in the afternoon.

He said the education minister would take proper steps to settle the issue after returning from abroad.