

Govt using Speedy Trial Act to eliminate opposition: AL

Charge sheet against Mirza Azam

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The Awami League yesterday accused the government of using the Speedy Trial Tribunal to eliminate the main opposition.

The AL leaders alleged that the BNP-Jamaat government had killed many promising AL leaders in the last two years. Now, it is harassing the opposition activists by implicating them in false cases, they said.

Addressing a rally at Bangabandhu Avenue, the leaders

said the government has enacted the Speedy Trial Act only to harass the opposition.

The Awami Jubo League organised the rally to protest the submission of charge sheet against its General Secretary Mirza Azam MP in a 'false' case.

Demanding immediate withdrawal of the case, the AL leaders threatened to launch a tough movement if the demand goes unheeded.

The charge sheet was submitted out of political vengeance, they

said.

The leaders also called on the people to build a strong resistance against the misrule of the government that has failed to check price spiral of essentials and ensure security for the people.

Presided over by Jubo League President Jahangir Kabir Nanak, the rally was addressed by AL leaders Abdus Samad Azad, Abdul Jalil and Obaidul Kader and Jubo League leaders Subrata Paul and Nurunnabi Chowdhury Shaon.

JUTA continues strike

JU CORRESPONDENT

All academic and administrative activities at Jahangirnagar University (JU) have come to a stand still in the face of the indefinite strike called by Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association (JUTA).

Most of the classes and examinations including honours and masters final in various department remained suspended till yesterday as a large number of teachers are agitating under the banner of JUTA to press for their two-point demand including the removal of the vice-chancellor.

The other demand is punishment to the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists who had kept confined the provost and eight house tutors of Shaheed Salam Barkat Hall (SSB) on August 11.

On the other hand, the teachers belonging to Teachers Association of

Jahangirnagar University (TAJU), an association of teachers who are believed to have link with the vice-chancellor, are taking classes estimated at about 20 percent of the total classes.

As a result, the academic life at JU has become uncertain and another eight months have been added to staggering session jam following the strike.

"A faction of teachers is taking classes while the other is keeping themselves away from the classes. There is none to think for us," said a student preferring anonymity.

Meanwhile, the honours final year students of the history department have started collecting signatures for memorandums to be submitted to JUTA, TAJU and VC for keeping the examinations out of the purview of the strike and solving the problems on the campus