

Irregularities alleged in ad-hoc appointment of JU lecturers

JUTA to launch protest movement soon

By JU Correspondent

Teachers of Jahangirnagar University (JU) are going to implement a movement soon demanding cancellation of controversial appointments of some teachers on ad-hoc basis and reformation of teachers' selection body of the university, some senior teachers said.

A total of 120 teachers of the university have already signed an application voicing the demands. After submitting the application before JU Teachers' Association (JUTA) within the next two or three days, the organisation will hold a meeting of its members to decide on their next course of action to press the university authorities to accept their demands, sources say.

The teachers protested the former Vice Chancellor Prof Alauddin Ahmed's unilateral appointment of eight lecturers ad-hoc basis in, in October last year while the university was closed for an indefinite period. They say that the VC can appoint teachers on ad-hoc basis only if the university is in bad need for teachers since regular appointment procedures are lengthy.

"But since an indefinite re-

cession was prevailing on the campus at the time and no department was not suffering with vacant posts, there was no need to appoint teachers on ad-hoc basis", said Prof Abu Sayeed Khan, former president of JUTA.

The protesting teachers also alleged that some of the lecturers appointed have poor academic qualifications. They also have a serious allegation against a new lecturer of IR department who is said to be involved in anti-social activities. One associate professor of the university submitted an application to the VC demanding investigation into the allegations. The university formed a three-member body to probe into the matter. But the result of the investigation is yet to be disclosed.

This teacher has also been learnt to be involved in terrorist activities in his locality. A case was filed against him with Mirzapur thana, Tangail on January 25 this year accusing him or involvement in women-repression, loot and terrorism cases. Police submitted a charge-sheet on March 6 this year naming him as the main suspect.

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of the seventeen involved in an incident.

There are also allegations against the appointment of a lecturer to the Botany department who happens to be the wife of the department's chairman. The lady in question was earlier twice refused by the selection committee because she has no research works on Botany to her credit. She has not conducted any of the five research works, that was submitted this time, they allege.

When contacted VC of the university Prof Abdul Bayes said, "We have given out a circular against those posts recently. If the selection committee recommends them, they will get permanent appointment or else they will lose their jobs."

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FF-people grand rally in Ctg May 13

Preparations to hold a grand rally of freedom fighters and people (Muktijoddha-Janata) in Chittagong on May 13 have triggered much enthusiasm among the pro-liberation forces there, reports BSS.

The rally will be held at the Polo Ground under the auspices of Sammilito Muktijoddha Front (SMF).

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina is expected to address the gathering as the chief guest.

Leaders of SMF, a combine of the freedom fighters, held a

series of meetings with different political parties, socio-cultural and professional organisations including Muktijoddha Sangsads and Muktijoddha Sangsads and Sammilito Sangskirti Jote and different professional bodies including Chittagong Bar, BMA and Engineers' Association.

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