

October 16, 2019

Demo, counter demo continues Protest against the VC persists

Newly-formed platform by VC-backed teachers and staffers—“Jahangirnagar against injustice and for development”—bring out a silent procession on the campus around 11am.

October 20, 2019

VC effigy burnt

With no sign of an end to the impasse at JU in sight, agitated students and teachers—who have been demanding the removal of Vice Chancellor Professor Farzana Islam—burn the VC’s effigy on campus.



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October 23, 2019

One arrested under Digital Security Act

Saad Sharif, a former student of JU, is arrested in a case filed under the Digital Security Act for allegedly spreading rumours via a messaging app against JU VC Professor Farzana Islam to remove her from the post. He is detained from campus under suspicions that he is “Shibir”. The university’s chief security officer Sudipto Shaheen files a case against Saad and the Ashulia Police Station request a five-day remand from the court.

October 28, 2019

Deadlock at JU, gates padlocked

Demanding the removal of JU VC, students go on an indefinite strike and padlock all the faculty gates on the campus, creating a deadlock in the university.

October 30, 2019

JU assistant proctor assaults two students

Assistant Proctor of Jahangirnagar University Mohibur Rouf Shaibal, along with some students, allegedly assault two of the protesters demanding removal of the vice chancellor.

“He [Shaibal] gathered a bunch of students and attacked some of the protesters. He grabbed me in an attempt to remove me from the faculty gate,” says Nazir Amin Chowdhury Joy, president of JU Student Union.

November 1, 2019

Case filed against 50 ‘unnamed’ students

A case is filed against at least 50 “unnamed” students of Jahangirnagar University on Friday night for allegedly attacking an assistant proctor on campus during the strike, demanding removal of Vice Chancellor Farzana Islam from her post.

November 4, 2019

Students confine JU VC demanding her resignation

A section of students lay siege to JU VC Professor Farzana Islam’s residence demanding her resignation.

Over 100 students take position in front of the VC’s residence around 7pm and continue demonstrations.

“We have confined the VC to her residence. We will stay here until she resigns from the post,” says Mahathir Mohammad, general secretary of JU Samajtantrik Chhatra Front.

About 25 teachers join the agitating students soon after they start demonstrating around 7pm.

November 5, 2019

BCL men assault protesters, VC brought out of confinement

Chhatra League men assault teachers and students demonstrating outside the VC’s home. Later in the day, the authorities shut down the university for an indefinite period. They also ban processions and rallies on the campus until further notice. Students are asked to vacate halls by 5:30pm, but most of the male students do not leave.

Four teachers resign from the Jahangirnagar University Teachers Association protesting the assault. The assault leaves at least 35, including nine teachers and four journalists, injured. Two female teachers and at least four female students are among those hurt.

After the assault, Professor Farzana comes out of her residence under BCL



protection. Talking to reporters after the meeting at the administrative building, Professor Islam describes the agitating students as Islami Chhatra Shibir activists and thanks the BCL men for “dispersing” them.

“It’s a joyous day for me. I am very grateful to students, especially to Chhatra League [members]. They took the responsibility upon themselves and did it. I was confined to my house along with my other family members, including a child. We’ve faced verbal abuse.”

“You can describe it as an attack, but I wouldn’t call it that. I say it’s a mass uprising.

November 6, 2019

Protesters are to blame, JU VC talks about unrest

VC holds agitating students and teachers responsible for crisis at the university.

“We would say that they must take responsibility for creating such a situation in the university. We did not close down the university; rather a situation [led to it],” JU VC says.

She adds that the protests had begun soon after she was reappointed.

Meanwhile, students who have been demonstrating since August 23 decide to continue their movement on the campus defying the authorities’ restriction.

November 7, 2019

“Our campus, our right; save the campus, join the fight” JU students chant anti-VC slogans; hold demo ignoring ban

Students chant slogans against the VC, including—“do not, will not accept notice to vacate hall”. A concert is also held in front of the VC’s residence.

PM speaks out against protesters
Coming down heavily on those engaged in the ongoing movements against the vice chancellors of several universities, including

Jahangirnagar University, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina says they will have to face punishment if they fail to prove their allegations.

“If they fail to prove their allegations, they’ll be punished for bringing false accusations... we’ll definitely do this. Because, I can’t tolerate that the classes will remain closed for days after days.”

“If anyone fails to prove, the

complainer will have to face the same punishment that may be awarded to the accused person as it is stated in the law.”

“Legal actions will be taken if they raise false allegations. We’ll take such actions. I’ve made it clear,” PM says, adding that she has already directed the authorities concerned to keep the records and footage of speeches and words of everyone who is bringing allegations.

“I would like to say it unequivocally that those who are bringing graft allegation, they’ll have to prove their allegations and provide information. If they can provide information, we’ll surely take action (against the corrupt),” she says.



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