# **Solidarity** with Sust students

STAR REPORT

Protests continue to rage on in solidarity with the students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust), as many are holding demonstrations and releasing statements to denounce the recent events at the institution.

Jahangirnagar University Teachers' Association yesterday protested against Sust Vice Chancellor Prof Farid Uddin Ahmed for making "offensive remarks" about female students of JU.

The remarks made by Prof Farid about JU's female students were highly insulting and disrespectful, according to a statement signed by Prof Laek Sazzad Andallah, president of the teachers' association, and Prof Md Motaher Hossain, its general secretary.

The statement said, "We strongly protest and express our discontent with the offensive remarks.'

"We hope he [Prof Farid] will publicly apologise for his mistake and withdraw the indecent remarks," the statement added

Meanwhile, leaders and activists of Bangladesh Jativatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) also expressed solidarity with Sust students, who are now observing a hunger strike demanding resignation of Prof Farid.

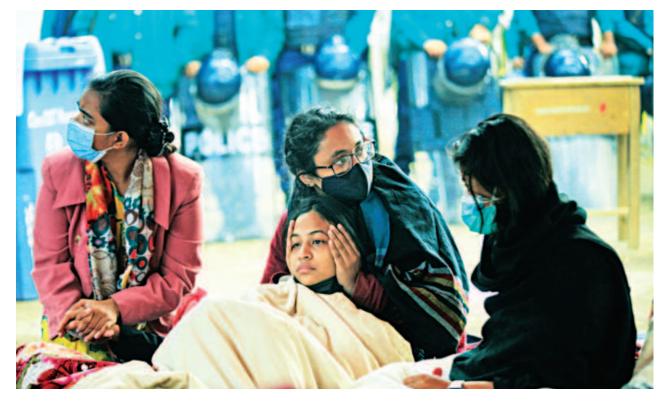
JCD held a protest rally vesterday morning on Dhaka University (DU) campus. They also demanded withdrawal of the case filed against the students.

Around 400 leaders and activists participated in the rally. Afterwards, they brought out a procession from Raju Memorial Sculpture, which ended in front of Shahbagh National Museum.

"We always try to stand beside our student friends. Today, we expressed our solidarity with Sust students. If the university authorities do not accept the students' demand, we will announce a tougher movement in solidarity," said Rakibul Islam Rakib, convener of JCD's DU unit.

JCD president Fazlur Rahman Khokon, member secretary Aman Ullah Aman, and top central leaders were present at the rally. Another rally will be held today at TSC, where teachers, activists and journalists will be present.

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By yesterday noon, Nishat was no longer feeling well. She along with other Sust students has been on a hunger strike since Wednesday afternoon, demanding the VC's resignation, after police attacked the protesting students on the

# 'Won't back down till VC steps down'

Sust students resolute on their demand; hunger strike taking toll on protesters

**OUR CORRESPONDENT, Sylhet** 

Five students were hospitalised and nine fell sick till yesterday evening, as the hunger strike, demanding resignation of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) vice chancellor, continues.

The students began the strike at 2:50pm on Wednesday, as VC Farid Uddin Ahmed did not step down by that noon, despite the students' ultimatum.

Quoting a volunteer physician at the spot, a spokesperson of the protesting students said, "The students on hunger strike are suffering from dehydration as well as low sodium and potassium levels. Some have low blood pressure, nausea, and low glucose and sugar levels."

Some 10 students were receiving intravenous saline and vitamin supplements, he said, adding that they will continue the protest till their demand is met.

Earlier in the noon, around 50 teachers led by treasurer Prof Anwarul Islam came to talk to the students and urged them to sit for a discussion to resolve the issues.

However, the students refused and urged them to join their cause. The protesters had refused teachers' requests on Wednesday night as well.

The treasurer said, "We'll try to convince the students to call off the strike. We are sorry for the situation and urge them to consider the formal procedure."

"They [students] have already urged President Abdul Hamid, the highest authority. We are also urging the president and prime minister to investigate Sunday's matter. If the VC is at fault, steps will be taken against him," he said.

The treasurer added that the university authorities also urged police to withdraw the case filed against 200-300 unnamed students on Monday.

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### **COVID-19 IN CTG** 75pc patients at 2 hospitals infected by Omicron Finds study

ARUN BIKASH DEY, Chattogram

Researchers in Chattogram have found that around 75 percent of Covid-19 patients at two major port city hospitals were infected by the Omicron variant.

The information was published in a German international database -- Global Initiative on Sharing All Influenza Data" -- yesterday, said Dr Abdul Mannan, a researcher and associate professor of genetic engineering and biotechnology at Chittagong University.

Dr HM Hamidullah Mehedi, consultant of medicine at Chattogram General Hospital, and Dr Mannan led the research conducted on Covid-19 patients admitted to Chattogram General Hospital and Chattogram Maa-O-Shishu Hospital

between November 2021 and the first week of January 2022.

The researchers selected samples of 30 patients at random for genome sequencing, said Dr Mannan, adding that the patients ranged from newborns to octogenarians. "It was found

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were infected by the Delta variant, while around 75 percent patients admitted afterwards were infected by Omicron," he said. Dr Mehedi said two of the Omicron patients were infected by the BA2 or "stealth variant of

Omicron", a recent variant which has been found in the US, India, China and Oman. 'Although researchers have termed the variant

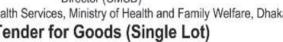
not dangerous, they said it is quite difficult to detect it, due to some new changes in its spike protein," he said.

Ninety percent of patients infected by Omicron showed symptoms of sore throat and changes in vocal pattern, while 85 percent felt headache and body-ache, and 80 percent had fever. All patients infected by Omicron were over 21 years old.

Dr Mannan said further research should be conducted with a vast number of samples from multiple hospitals to know more about the dominance of Omicron in Chattogram.

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