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Press Release

Official Statement of JMI on Applied Arts Matter:

It has been reported in some sections of media that University Administration has deployed paramilitary forces outside gate no.15 along MMAJ Marg yesterday. University would like to clarify that it has no role in deployment of security force. Deployment of security force is sole mandate of the Delhi Police only. We simply requested Delhi Police to provide security outside gate no.15 along MMAJ Marg as a preventive and precautionary measure in a routine manner to prevent any mishappening. The police force deployed has been used as a standby reserve force only.

Jamia Millia Islamia has already taken all the legally possible steps to end this stir. But students supported by some outside elements have locked and blocked the entry gate of VC office and didn't allow the VC, Registrar and other officers of the university to go inside for work. This act was committed by the protesting students yesterday and today also. Students are using music instruments like guitar, dhapli etc. in front of the VC office which is affecting the normal office functioning in the administrative block.

JMI is following Supreme Court guidelines in Vishakha Case and UGC Guidelines on prevention, prohibition and redressal of sexual harassment of women employees and students in higher educational institutions, notified on 2nd May 2016.

As clarified earlier, ICC has started its proceeding after receiving complaint from girl students and fact finding committee of six Deans comprising of three women members has been formed to look after all the issues related to Applied Arts Department. ICC is the statutory authority to investigate any sexual harassment complaint in the university. Mr. Hafeez Ahmad has been sent on leave so that impartial enquiry can take place. No one will be spared if found guilty after the enquiry whether it is teacher or students.

University once again would like to reiterate that all the possible steps are being taken to defuse the situation by holding series of meetings with the protesting students.

We would like to request media houses/web channels/ portals to carry the version of all the stakeholders including the university administration in their stories. University Administration is thankful to those media organisations who have objectively reported the matter so far.

JMI Administration once again appeals to all the bona fide students of the university to join classes and not to be enticed by the outsiders.

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