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Press Release

**Protest at JMI ends, all issues amicably resolved**

The ongoing protest and *dharna* by the students of the Faculty of Fine Arts of Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) at the Administrative Block of the university ended today following a meeting of students with the Vice Chancellor (officiating), Prof. Shahid Ashraf and other senior officials. The matter has been amicably resolved.

At the outset of the meeting, students reiterated their old demand of suspension of Head of the Department of Applied Arts, Mr Hafeez Ahmad. It has been made amply clear to the students that within the existing framework of rules and procedures the suspension at this stage is not feasible as statutory enquiry is in progress.

Mr Hafeez Ahmad will abstain from participating in any activity of the department till the enquiry by Internal Complaints Committee (ICC) and Fact Finding Committee is completed.

The inclusion of external members in the Fact Finding Committee has also been agreed in principle. The Chief Proctor has assured that no legal or administrative action will be taken against protesting students provided protest and *dharna* is withdrawn and classes are resumed without any disturbance. Students were also assured that the classes missed during the protest will be appropriately compensated.

The Vice Chancellor (Officiating) has also asked the students to meet frequently to DSW and Chief Proctor regarding their grievances and complaint in future.

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