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Urgent Press Release

**JMI constitutes five-member committee to discuss the Students' Union Election issue**

A five-member committee has been constituted by Prof Talat Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, Jamia Millia Islamia (JMI) to talk to students sitting on dharna demanding holding of Students' Union Election and to find a solution to resolve the issue amicably.

The committee members met the striking students today and appealed to them to end their protest in the larger interest of the university and in view of the Foundation Day celebration and two-day Talimi Mela beginning tomorrow morning.

The committee members explained to them once again the legal hurdle before the university with regard to the Writ Petition No. 917/2012 titled "Hamidur Rahman Vs. JMI" in the Hon'ble Delhi High Court in regard to conducting the election.

The committee explained to the students that the university administration is in-principle in favour of holding the election, and reminded them that the legal hurdle could be only solved by withdrawing the present petition by the Petitioner. It was also pointed out to them that the High Court of Delhi had admitted a plea made by an intervening group of 9 students dated 28.02.2012 stating that they were opposed to any direct system of elections in JMI. The members told them that in view of the legal position, the university's hands are tied as the matter is sub judice.

However, the protesting students sitting on dharna refused to take any cognizance of the legal hold-up before the university, instead threatened to disrupt the 97<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day celebration and the Talimi Mela.

The leader of the protesting students also threatened to disrupt the Foundation Day celebrations by force and ruin it.

It is apparent that a handful of students for their selfish interest are holding the university to ransom and tarnishing its image. Moreover, the Foundation Day is a function to pay homage to the founders of the 97-year old university and it will be an insult to their contribution and memory if these striking students sabotage the function instead of being grateful to their founders.

Moreover, the university fraternity hopes that the age-old *Talimi Mela* which is a popular cultural and educational programme not only *of and for* the 18,000 students of the university but also the Jamia neighbourhood will go smoothly and good sense will prevail upon the protesting students to not harm their *alma mater*.

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