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7 expelled from DU for stabbing student

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The Dhaka University authorities temporarily expelled seven students yesterday for their alleged involvement in stabbing an M.Phil student at Surya Sen Hall.

Munshi Mohammad Selim, 27, a researcher under the Department of Finance and Banking, was stabbed by a group of students led by Zakir when he was sleeping in his room, No 468, at about 3 pm yesterday, sources at the dormitory said.

The group again attacked and stabbed him near the Vice Chancellor's official residence when he was being taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH), the sources added.

Selim was admitted to the hospital in a critical condition.

Some students at the hall told this correspondent that the incident was sequel to beating up of Zakir by some students in his room, No 474, in the early hours of the day for allegedly

stealing books from different rooms.

The students claimed that Zakir was caught while selling the stolen books to traders at Nilkhet book market.

Students of the hall including Selim had declared Zakir *persona non-grata* for his activities, they said.

Zakir along with his associates attacked Selim to take revenge, they added.

Police visited the spot and recovered some batons but failed to arrest anybody.

According to hall sources, a number of students demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment to the attackers when VC Prof A K Azad Chowdhury, Pro-VC Prof Sahadat Ali and Proctor A K M Nur Un-Nabi visited the spot after the incident. They also narrated the incident identifying the culprits, the sources said.

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Later at an emergency meeting, the DU authorities temporarily expelled A B M Zakir Hossain, third year student of Economics, Sahidul Islam, Honours examinee of Islamic Studies, Md Jamaluddin and Khijir Hayat Khan Tipu, Honours examinees of Sociology, Mehedi Hasan, third year student of Management, Noman and Khokan of Mohsin Hall and Zahurul Haq Hall respectively.

According to a DU press release, the authorities also formed a three-member committee headed by Pro-VC Prof Sahadat Ali to probe the incident. The other members are Proctor Dr A K M Nur-un-Nabi and Provost of Surya Sen Hall A F M Yusuf Haider.

A case has been filed with Ramna thana in this regard, police said.