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### SN Hall incident

## Probe body seeks 2 weeks more to prepare report

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The judicial inquiry commission formed to investigate the July 23 incidents at Shamsunnahar Hall sought more time to prepare a transparent and reliable report.

The commission formed with Justice Tafazzal Islam said at least two weeks more would be needed for preparing the report.

On the second day of its hearing on Friday, the commission at its temporary office recorded statements of six victims and a police official.

Five police officers and three female leaders of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), registered their names for giving statement.

The commission received written statements and later interviewed one by one.

In written statements most of the students accused the Vice Chancellor of maintaining relations with the "outsiders".

"At once they started breaking the window-panes of room No-235 and 236 and made the VC to hear the sounds of breaking glasses over a cell-phone. And they told the VC that they were attacked by the common students," one of the statements said. "Police hurled indecent words to the students during the attack."

"Sometimes after the phone call police went on a rampage on the innocent students." "Without any provocation police resorted to baton-charge on the female stu-

dents and pulled them out of their rooms," it added.

Among the police deployed on that night, most were male and a few were female, said another statement.

According to another one, the assistant proctors present at that time were serving the purpose of the outsiders. "They were preparing the case against us at that time."

"None but the assistant proctors and some police officers were allowed in room-235," said another statement.

The commission said apart from the victims it would interview the hall staff, police and others needed. The outsiders who were present at that time will also be interviewed.

The commission asked for a photograph of that night that shows presence of male police inside the hall.

Earlier on Thursday, the commission went to the place of occurrence at Shamsunnahar Hall with the 24 victims who registered their names for giving their witness.

The commission scrutinised the students' identity with the help of hall administration. The commission visited the entire hall especially the room No-235, where the outsiders resided and reportedly confined by the agitating students on that night.