



24

SN hall students lay siege to VC's office

Varsity Correspondent

Students of Shamsunnahar Hall, Dhaka University on Tuesday lay siege to the university's Vice Chancellor office demanding to retain the sitting hall provost till her tenure.

The students also broke the lock of the provost office, which was out by her antagonists in the morning.

Controversy mounted in the university's second largest female dormitory among the house tutors and provost over establishing supremacy in the administration.

Five of the ten house tutors, leaning to the pro-government teachers' lobby, were abstaining from duties since mid June demanding removal of Dr Sultana Shafi from the provost's chair charging her corruption during the immediate past regime.

Some leaders of the hall unit Jatiyatabdhi Chhatra Dal (JCD) were supporting them and they put the provost under lock and key on Tuesday morning. The house tutors and their supporter students called on DU VC Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury to press home their demands.

On the contrary, a mass of common students along with few leaders of Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) gathered at the provost's office and broke the lock. They brought out a procession and seized the VC Office in the noon for two hours demanding retain Prof Sultana in the post till her tenure that ends by September this year.

VC Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury heard the versions of the both sides.

The opposing house tutors alleged that Dr Sultana showed nepotism during the AL regime, providing jobs to the BCL leaders and mishandling of funds.

But Dr Sultana Shafi directly accused the present university administration of launching propaganda against her. She said the VC himself provoked the JCD leaders to create anarchy in the hall.