

SN Hall incident

DU probe body to submit report today

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The probe body, formed by the Dhaka University Syndicate to investigate into police pre-dawn raid on Shamsunnahar Hall in July, is likely to submit its report today (Sunday) to the Vice Chancellor.

The committee has already finalised the report, which will be submitted after its meeting scheduled to be held in the morning.

Controversies were created among the teachers for leaking out the contents of the report. Immediately after the leakage, the nine-member committee formed another committee to find out how it went to the Press.

Some teachers of the university apprehend changes in the report in today's meeting. Because, sources said, Press reports irked some stalwarts of the ruling coalition-supported White Panel.

Also some students and house tutors of Shamsunnahar Hall got annoyed with the recommendations that went against their ways. Already accused of irresponsible behaviour by the probe body, the house tutors met several times to build an opinion against the report and in favour of them in particular.

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Residents of Shamsunnahar Hall became agitated once again after the hall administration, led by acting provost Saida Gaffar reshuffled the boarding arrangements in the hall to appease some students.

The university's top executive body, the Syndicate, formed the nine-member probe-body with Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof AFM Yusuf Haider. Following the resignation of former VC Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury on July 31, the Syndicate reshuffled the committee making the DU treasurer as new chief.

The committee took deposits of the witnesses including students, house tutors, provost, assistant proctors, former proctor and the former vice chancellor.

Many of the recommendations of the probe body reflected the recommendations of the Judicial Inquiry Committee but some are contradictory to each other, competent sources staid.

It blamed the house-tutors, assistant proctors, and hall provost for neglecting their duties during the incidents on that night.

The committee recommended taking punitive measures against the outsiders associated with the ruling BNP's student wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

Punishment too was recommended against the JCD leader who filed a false case against the agitating students and the then Provost.

The committee observed that the former VC was in dark about the incidents and his proctor "misguided" him.

The committee could not find out on whose directive police entered the female dormitory and charged batons on the residents having the situation well under control.

Police officials influenced the outsiders to file the case and it was point that raised a lot of questions in the committee meetings.