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DU students form human chain

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A section of the general students of Dhaka University on Tuesday formed a human-chain in front of the arts building of the university to protest sexual harassment of female student by a teacher.

They also demanded immediate submission of reports of probe bodies formed to investigate the allegation of sexual harassment against three teachers.

Complaint to be lodged with Registrar

UNB adds:—Dhaka University Paribesh Parishad, a campus watchdog that comprises university authorities and student leaders, held a meeting discussing the latest campus situation, including the sex scandal that sparked protest among students.

The DU authorities were learnt to have agreed with the student leaders to complete the investigation into the sex scandal of a teacher of International Relations Department within two weeks.

An inquiry committee, headed by Prof Dr Shahadat Ali, has been formed to probe the incident.

The meeting, chaired by VC Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, also decided that any allegation regarding the scandal be submitted to the DU Registrar, the member secretary of the inquiry committee. The committee will also dispose off the allegations carried by newspapers.

Ajay Kar Khokan and Sajjad Hossain, of pro-Awami League Chhatra League, Monjur Elahi, Mosharaf Hossain and Monir Hossain of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Ziaul Haq Zia of Chhatra Moitree, Monjur-e-Khuda Toriq of Chhatra Union, Karim Sikder of Bangladesh Chhatra League (Chu-Ka) and Saifur Rahman Tapan of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front, among others, attended the meeting.

The Vice Chancellor at the meeting explained the present campus situation arising out of the recent sexual scandal and the initiative already taken by the authorities.

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The meeting requested all not to blame any teacher or student for any disgraceful incident until it was probed, and divulge any information to newspaper before verifying it.

It observed that some outsiders and organisations were out to create unrest on the campus, capitalising on the sex issue.

The meeting sought cooperation of all in maintaining academic atmosphere on the campus.