

## RMC penalises 16 students for hazing

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The Rangpur Medical College (RMC) authorities yesterday punished 16 female students for "torturing" two of their juniors in the name of hazing at their dormitory on August 29.

Of the 16, three were declared disqualified from attending three semesters, three from two semesters and eight from one semester. And, the other two were scolded and warned.

The RMC academic council took the decision at a meeting following the report of a probe committee formed after the victims complained to the principal on August 31 against them.

Those who were disqualified from attending the semesters were also asked to stay out of the dormitory until their punishments are over.

Dr Nurul Islam, head of the gastroenterology department, led the three-member probe body.

However, the college authorities did not disclose the names of the victims and those who were punished.

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Saying they were involved in Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the 16 students on August 29 forcibly made the duo stand the whole night outside their room, alleged the victims, adding that they were later treated at Rangpur Medical College Hospital, as they fell sick.

However, RMC Vice-Principal Dr Nurun Nabi Laiju denied the torturers' BCL link.