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25 people arrested over throwing RPI principal into pond

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Police detained 25 people from different parts of the city on Saturday night over throwing the principal of Rajshahi Polytechnic Institute into a pond on the campus.

Sheikh Mohammad Golam Mostafa, officer-in-charge of Chandrima Police Station, said they made the arrests raiding different student dormitories.

‘The video clip of the incident is being scrutinised and who will be found innocent will be released,’ he said.

Some activists of Rajshahi Polytechnic Institute unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, ruling Awami League-backed student organisation, threw the institute principal Farid Uddin Ahmed into the pond on Saturday afternoon as he refused to allow two students, including joint general secretary of the institute unit of BCL Kamal Hossain Sourav, to fill up examination forms for inadequate class attendance.

The incident was recorded in a surveillance camera.

It was seen in the video footage that at least 10 people were taking the principal towards the pond. Some of them were holding his hands while some others were pushing him from behind.

They threw the principal into the pond within seconds and fled the scene.

Later, other students, officials and employees of the institute rescued him.

Principal Farid Uddin filed a case with Chandrima Police Station at night over the incident.

The accused include Sourav, Murad, Shanta, Bony, Hasibul Hossain Shanta, Salman Tony, Habibul and Maruf.

Meanwhile, Rajshahi city unit BCL condemned the incident.

In a press release, Rocky Kumar Ghosh and Mahmud Hasan Rajib, president and general secretary of the unit, said a six-member committee was formed to look into the incident and the committee was asked to submit its report within three working days.

