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Trader abduction

DU probe body finds 7 persons involved

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The Inquiry Committee formed by Dhaka University authorities has identified seven persons including three students for their involvement in the abduction incident of a businessman on September 17.

The committee which was formed following the incident is likely to submit its report to the university authorities today (Monday), a highly placed source in the university said.

According to source, the committee in its report identified Md Syeduzzaman Mohsin, a Masters Final Year student of Political Science Department and a resident student of room no-174 of the Suryasen Hall of the university as the mastermind of the abduction.

Five outsiders Faruq, Motahar, Ruhul Amin and Bachchu, the accomplices of main abductor Mohsin, were closely involved in the abduction incident, the report said.

The Inquiry Committee in its recommendations suggested the university authorities to take action against the main abductor Mohsin, son of Abdur Rab Farazi of village Kalikapur under Madaripur district, as per the Proctorial rules of the university.

The committee suspected that two students Ziaur Rahman Anu, a 3rd year student of Sociology Department and Harunur Rashid, a Masters Final Year student of the same department might have been involved in the incident. The committee, however, recommended to issue

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warning letters to them. Ziaur Rahman Anu is a resident student of Room No 346 Harunur Rashid of Room no 321 of Suryasen Hall of the university.

The Inquiry Committee Report, however, did not mention or recommend anything about the outsiders as it has no authority to take any action against them, the source said.

Harunur Rashid, a businessman, was abducted from the city's Madhubagh area on September 17 allegedly by a number of students, allegedly BCL activists. They took him hostage in a room in Suryasen Hall of Dhaka University for two days and demanded ransom from his family members. Police arrested two of the abductors from Shahbagh on September 19 when they went there to collect the money promised by the relatives of the businessman.

The university authorities formed two committees following the incident, one headed by the Provost of Suryasen Hall and the other by Prof. Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, the Chairman of the Provost Standing Committee. The committee headed by the Provost of the Hall has already submitted its report to the university authorities.