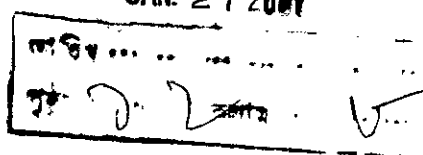


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27 students of Khulna varsity punished

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KHULNA, Jan 26: Khulna University authorities yesterday punished 27 students for ransacking the office rooms at the administration building and assaulting teachers and employees of the university on January 21.

Of them, one is male and 26 are female students. The authorities expelled the male BBA student, cancelled admission of 22 first year female students and ousted four others from women's hostel.

The situation has further worsened following action against 27 students.

The agitating students demanded immediate withdrawal of punishment against 27 students and removal of the Vice Chancellor and the Treasurer.

Denying the charge of ransacking the administrative building and assaulting the teachers, officials and employees on January 21, the agitating students blamed the honorary Treasurer for creating law and order situation on the campus by inviting armed cadres of the ruling party.

The armed cadres of the ruling party entered the campus and swooped on the agitating students, leaving six injured, the students alleged.

The incident occurred on January 21 when the Vice Chancellor ignored the students' demand for extension of the female dormitory to resolve accommodation problem.

The six-member probe body is expected to submit its report tomorrow, said a spokesman of the Vice Chancellor.