

## Teachers, students at loggerheads with DU dormitory incident

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Students and teachers of Begum Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall, women dormitory of Dhaka University, took opposite stand following the recent incidents at the hall.

The students gave an 48 hours ultimatum to withdraw the speech made by teachers while the Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) gave an 72 hours ultimatum to expel the 21 girl students from the university.

Five hundred and twenty five students of Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall of Dhaka University, who are in a movement to realise their 13-

point demand, on Saturday called for cancellation of the "blacklist" reportedly made by the authorities to punish some of the demonstrators.

They also urged the Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA) and house tutors of the Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall to withdraw their speech within 48 hours terming it as baseless and fabricated.

The students held a Press conference at Dhaka University Journalists' Association (DUJA) office where hundred of students were present.

Referring to the probe committee formed to investigate the recent incidents at the dormitory, the students said they did not commit any crime for which the authorities could form an investigation committee.

They said "we're just trying to have our legal rights met by the authorities, but the DUTA in its bid to stop our movement, is now trying to establish the movement illogical.

They also said that the authorities should not enlist only 21 stu-

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dents but they should enlist us all as the movement was being carried by all residents of the dormitory.

The students claimed that they kept 12 house tutors confined to their dormitory, only for four hours from July 17 night to press home their demands. "At that time the house tutors were given foods and drinks and they were also allowed to go to the wash room", they claimed.

"We called a doctor for checking up the condition of Dr. Shamima Nasrin Shahed when she fell sick and we also supplied her medicine on the night.

The students also said that one of the girls, Molri Biswas, who was not available at the hall on July 17 and 18, is also included in the Blacklist. "This proves that the list of 21 girls is made with an intention to harass the students", they added.

To press home their demands, the students met with Vice Chancellor Dr SMA Faiz at his office on the day and accused the authorities of making a blacklist to foil their movement.

Sources said the house tutors of Fazilatunnesa Hall have made a "blacklist" of some 21 students who spearheaded the movement that led to the resignation of Hall Provost Prof Nasreen Ahmed along with 14 house-tutors.

However, in another press conference DUTA leaders, Provost and house tutors of Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall of Dhaka University suspected that there might be a "third Force" behind the recent incidents inside the dormitory.

They alleged that the unidentified forces masterminded the recent unexpected incidents in the hall to "disrupt smooth functioning of academic activities in the dormitory."