

Appeal filed by 10 convicted RU students

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RAJSHAHI, Jan 15:—Ten Rajshahi University students filed an appeal with the District and Sessions Judge Court here on Tuesday against their conviction in the DGFI vehicle torching case, reports UNB.

Defence lawyers Tazul Islam, M Faruk, Abdus Salam, Ibrahim Hossain and Shahin filed the appeal with the court of AR Masud.

Accepting the appeal, Judge AR Masud called for records and fixed Wednesday for its hearing.

The convicted students are RU unit secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League Ayenuddin, Dipayan Sarker, Hafiz Uddin Kamal, Shakhawat Hossain, Kazi Abdul Latif, Shamim Ahmed, Fakhrul Islam, Sarker Ayej, Mizanur Rahman Mithu and Sayem.

Of them, Sayem surrendered to
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the court of Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Ruhul Amin on January 6 while the rest on January 7. The court sent all of them to Rajshahi Central jail.

Defence lawyer Abdus Salam said the students appealed to the court, as they are not satisfied with the verdict pronounced by the lower court.

Terming the earlier verdict as 'baseless', the lawyer said the students were not informed about the case filed against them, as they did not receive any notice in this regard.

The accused students came to know about it after watching the verdict of the case against them on TV channels and in the newspapers. They later surrendered before the court showing respect to law.

On August 22, a vehicle of the military intelligence outfit DGFI was torched in front of the Vice Chancellor's residence amid violence on the campus following Dhaka University's August 20 student unrest.

DGFI assistant director Shawkat Ali filed the case against 14 people with Motihar police station on August 23.

Later, on September 1, the investigation officer (IO), sub-inspector Mukhtar Hossain, pressed charges against the 14 suspects.

On December 12, the court acquitted two Rajshahi University teachers and its one PR officer of the charge of torching the DGFI vehicle and handed down three years' rigorous imprisonment to 11 other accused, including 10 students and a driver of a former RU Vice Chancellor.