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Probe body formed on DU teacher's misbehaviour with girl student

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The Dhaka University authorities formed a five-member Fact Finding Committee over the alleged misbehaviour with a female student by a teacher of History Department.

The authorities formed the committee headed by Treasurer Prof Syed Rashidul Hasan "on the basis of the press reports published on Tuesday in different newspapers".

The other members are acting Proctor Asif Nazrul, Dean of Social Science faculty Prof M Asaduzzaman, Provost of Rokeya Hall Prof Tazmeri SA Islam and Provost of Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall Prof Nasreen Ahmad. The committee has been asked to submit report in seven days.

But, Prof Mesbah Kamal, along with the female student called on Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz and said there was no incident of molestation and he just slapped the girl at an angry moment.

The female student, Arifatul Kibria Munni, in a statement refuted the press reports. "All the reports were downright false and fabricated. Prof Kamal is my local guardian and I am working with him as a research assistant. He just slapped me for neglecting official duties," she said.

"I did not lodge any complaint of molestation with any authority," she said adding. "Prof Kamal is totally innocent and I informed the matter to the Vice Chancellor in black and white."

Infuriated by the press reports, a group of agitated students brought out processions and set ablaze an effigy of Prof Mesbah Kamal and attempted to ransack his chamber at Arts Building.

In the morning the unruly students, mainly activists of ruling BNP-Jamaat supported Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Islami Chhatra Shibir, looked Prof Mesbah in the Arts Building and damaged his nameplate.

Later, the students of History Department tried to resist them at the department and they burnt several copies of a tabloid daily. Three students of History department were beaten up the anti-Mesbah mob, mostly students of Islamic Studies and Arabic Department.

Hearing the news Vice Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz rushed to the department asked the students to refrain from violence.

The university authorities later told the reporters that as they did not receive any complaint, so they just formed a fact-finding committee.

On the contrary, a section of students from a rally at Aparajeyo Bangla gave a 24-hour ultimatum to oust the teacher from the university.