



Police admits Case filed 4 hrs before incident in SN Hall

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Police on Monday admitted that a case was lodged against the Provost and 28 students just four hours before the incident took place in Shamsunnahar Hall at the midnight on July 23.

Complainant of the case was not present during filing the case and the emergency officer of Ramna police station took the case for registry at 10:45 pm, duty officer Sub Inspector Tofazzal told journalists while coming out of the Judicial Inquiry Commission office after his deposition of witness on Monday.

Former DU Vice Chancellor Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury and former Proctor Prof Nazrul Islam also submitted their written statements to the commission on Monday.

The immediate past DU executives refused to talk with the reporters. The four assistant proctors, who were present during the July 23 incidents, also submitted their written statements.

The assistant proctors alleged that the previous administration

issued a Press release on SN Hall incident without their consent. "It wasn't ours," one of them said.

Eight police officers including Assistant Commissioner of Ramna Zone Morshed deposed before the commission on the fifth day at its temporary office at the National Academy for Educational Management (NAEM).

Jannatul Kanon, a leader of the hall unit Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), filed the case against the former provost Prof Sultana Shafi and 28 students charging them for rampage, beating and stealing at Room-235 of the hall where Luci, Shanta and other JCD leaders were staying on that night.

But the common students in their statements submitted before to the commission said the JCD leaders themselves ransacked the room and informed the VC that they were attacked by the commoners at about 3:00 am.

The Emergency Officer Abdus Sattar said he reached the Ramna Thana sometimes before 10:00 pm.

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on that night with the case.

All the officers agreed that they heard hue and cry inside the hall at about 3:00 am on that night. But none of them saw baton charging.

Assistant Commissioner Morshed refused to comment anything. "There's embargo on me to say any thing on the issue," he said.

Sub Inspector of Special Task Force (STF) of riot police Alal said he reached the gate of Shamsunnahar Hall at 2:30 am. He was withdrawn at 8:00 am by Police Control Room.

Another STF Inspector Anwar said he was stationed beside the hall gate with 30-32 policemen. He heard hue and cry inside the hall at 3:30 am. "Hearing the shouting I reported it to ADC Abdur Rahim," he said.

The commission already received about 50 written statements. The commission will interview the senior police officers and the Shamsunnahar Hall administration today (Tuesday).