

PSTU SEMESTER DROP SYSTEM Students keep VC confined to office

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Students of Patuakhali Science and Technology University (PSTU) confined the vice chancellor and other officials to their respective rooms in the administrative building on the campus yesterday, demanding withdrawal of semester drop system.

The agitating students confined them around 10:30am after locking the administrative building's gate and also three other main entrances of the university.

Around 12 noon, five teachers led by Abul Kashem Chowdhury, dean of agriculture faculty, and Prof Bodiuzzaman, dean of business administration, tried to pacify the students but failed. Instead, the students said they would continue their agitation until the demand was met.

According to the existing rule, all students have to pass examinations of all five semesters before getting admission in the sixth semester.

"Students are now demanding withdrawal of the semester drop system, which is totally illogical and we will not allow it," said Sawdesh Chandra Samonto, registrar of PSTU.

If necessary, they will take help from law enforcers in this regard, he said.

The students kept the VC and other officials confined as of filing of this report around 7:00pm yesterday.

Meanwhile, the university authorities on Sunday night suspended three students on charge of taking hemp at a residential hall on Saturday.

The suspended students are Shahinoor Rahman, Prantik and Ratul of Computer Science and Engineering Department.

Proctor Dr Purnendu Biswas said they will continue drive to keep the campus free from drug abuse.