

## Female students stage demo to extend hall reporting time at SAU

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FEMALE students of two halls demonstrated on the campus of Sylhet Agricultural University on Thursday demanding extension of their reporting time in the evening and prohibiting male teachers' random visits to their dormitories.

They said halls should close at 8:00pm to allow the female students to study in the library for a longer time. The library closes at 7:30pm. The female halls close at 6:30pm.

Hall inmates of Suhashini Dash Hall and Old Ladies Hall also demanded withdrawal two assistant provosts for their alleged misbehavior with the fellow students as they went to them to place their demands.

Witness said the boarders of the two dormitories staged their demonstration in front

of the administrative building of SAU from 8:00pm to Thursday midnight to press home their demands.

The protesters also chanted slogans in favour of their demands and set fire to used papers and clothing, campus sources said.

A first year student of livestock production and management department said their male counterparts can study for a longer time in the library. But they return to their respective halls by 6:30pm. She said they also want to study in the library as long as it remains open.

The agitating female students demanded that the authority set 8:00pm for them to go back to their dormitories.

A second year student of genetics and animal breeding department said some male teachers enter into their dining halls and TV

rooms, intruding their privacies.

She said male teachers should take prior permission from the respective provost before entering into their dining and recreation areas.

The students alleged that assistant provost Rubayet Naznin and Palash Mandal misbehaved with them when they went to them to discuss their demands, the campus sources said. The agitating students now want them removed.

The agitating students ended their demonstration in the midnight as the vice-chancellor Golam Shahi Alam assured them of considering their demands, the sources said.

As New Age approached, the SAU proctor Abdul Basit acknowledged about the demonstration and said the VC has assured the female students of taking steps to realise their demands.