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Cancellation of blacklist demanded

DU Fazilatunnesa Hall students continue movement

Students of Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall of Dhaka University, who are in a movement to realise their 13-point demand, on Tuesday called for cancellation of the "blacklist" reportedly made by the authorities to punish some of the demonstrators, reports UNB.

To drive home their demands, the students on Tuesday submitted a memorandum to Vice Chancellor Dr SMA Faiz and accused the authorities of making a blacklist to foil their movement.

Over 500 students of the hall, out of 635, signed the memorandum.

Sources said the DU authorities have made a "blacklist" of some 21 students who spearhea ed the movement that led to the resignation of Hall Provost Prof Nasreen Ahmed along with 14 housetutors.

Referring to the probe committee formed to investigate the recent incidents at the dormitory, the students said they did not commit any crime for which the authorities could form an investigation committee.

"We're just trying to have our legal rights met by the authorities, but our administration is trying to give our movement an illegitimate colour in a bid to stop our movement," a student told UNB wishing anonymity.

She said the authorities should not enlist only 21 students but they should enlist us all as the movement was being carried by all residents of the dormitory.

Meanwhile, the probe committee, headed by Arts Faculty Dean Prof. Dr Sadrul Amin, was asked to submit its report in a week.

Asked about the "blacklist", Dr Faiz neither denied making such a list nor confirmed the number of students are on the list.

"There is nothing to be afraid of...none will face any injustice. We have formed the probe committee just to be sure what exactly happened to the hall in the last few days," he told journalists.

Angry girl students kept 12 house tutors confined to their dormitory to press home their 13-point demand, which include resignation of the provost.