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## 300 DU students fall sick after taking hall food

By Our DU Correspondent

More than 300 resident students of Hazi Mohsin Hall of Dhaka University fell sick after taking dinner from the dining room of the hall on Friday night.

The sick students were treated at Dhaka Medical College Hospital, Mitford Hospital and ICDDR. B.

The resident students said that the students who took meal with fish curry and egg curry got sick early in the morning.

Attending doctors of the hospitals suspected that the students fell sick for taking stale food cooked with adulterated oil.

After the preliminary treatment, the ailing students were kept at their respective hall rooms under the care of doctors.

Hearing the news, Vice Chancellor Professor Emajuddin Ahmed, and hall Provost Professor Jamaluddin Ahmed

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went to the hall to see the sick students and enquired about their treatment. They also assured the resident students to find out the causes of the food poisoning.

The resident students alleged that the hall authorities recently forced the resident students to switch off their heaters, by which some of the students used to cook their meals in hall rooms. As a result, students now have no alternative than to take food in the dining room.

A temporary camp has been set up in the hall provost office for extending medicare to the ailing students.

Meanwhile, the manager of the dining room fled from the hall. Some of the employees of the dining room also fell sick, it is learnt.

The agitated students kept the dining room under lock and key. The student who were not affected are now taking their foods in other halls or elsewhere.

The dining rooms of all the halls of Dhaka University are run by private contractors on contract basis. Students, time and again complain about the poor quality of food in the dining rooms.