

PUST students block road protesting power outage

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Students of Pabna University of Science and Technology (PUST) yesterday blocked the Dhaka-Pabna highway in front of the campus for one hour, protesting massive disruption in power supply to the campus.

Power outage on the campus enraged the students. They lit a fire on the road in front of the main gate of the university at about 2:00pm, halting vehicular movement for an hour.

"Massive disruption of power supply to the PUST campus hampers academic activities of the students. Power supply remains cut-off two or three times a day. Sometimes we do not get uninterrupted power supply at night, which greatly hampers our academic

activities," said Md Akteruzzaman, a student of Bangla department.

"Lack of adequate power supply has been a big problem on the PUST campus since its establishment in 2008. We asked the university authorities several times to ensure adequate power supply, but to no avail," students said.

According to a PUST source, power supply remained stopped from 4:00pm on Saturday. It was restored at about 3:00pm yesterday after the students' agitation, sources added.

Awal Kabir Joy, proctor of the university, said negligence of the Rural Electrification Board (REB) was the reason for the disruption of power supply.