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DU teachers protest against detention of CU teacher

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A platform of Dhaka University teachers hold a rally at the foot of Oporajeyo Bangla on Tuesday to protest against the filing of a false case and arrest of Chittagong University teacher Maidul Islam. — New Age photo

A section of Dhaka University teachers on Tuesday brought out a silent procession wrapping their mouths with black cloth to protest against the detention, remand and jailing of Chittagong University teacher Maidul Islam in connection with a case filed under section 57 of ICT Act for his alleged defamatory remarks against prime minister Sheikh Hasina on social media.

Under the banner of 'Independent teachers against repression', the protest rally started from the base of Aparajeyo Bangla and paraded round important streets of the campus. Meanwhile, the High Court on Tuesday granted interim bail to Maidul Islam for six months.

Addressing a human chain at Aparajeyo Bangla, teachers lambasted university teachers' federation for their indifferent role over Maidul's detention also said that a culture of fear prevailed in the country where teachers who were regarded as the conscience of the country had to go jail for speaking truth against power.

Demanding immediate release of Maidul Islam they also said that it was shameful that teachers have no freedom to express their opinion and when someone tried to stand against

injustice and criticize government they were subject to harassment by the ruling party men and others.

DU Sociology Professor Rushad Faridi, Mass Communication and Journalism department teachers, Fahmidul Haque, Abdur Razzaq Khan, Kazali Shehreen Islam, Marzia Rahman, Jahangirnagar University Anthropology Professor Rahnuma Ahmed, Jagannath University teacher Nasir Uddin were present among others.

On July 24, former leader of Bangladesh Chhatra League and CU student Md Iftekhar Uddin Ayaz filed the case with Hathazari Police Station. Chattogram District and Sessions Judge Md Ismail Hossain issued the order to send Maidul to jail on September 24.

The Chittagong University authorities temporarily suspended sociology department Assistant Professor Maidul a day after sending him to jail.

Judge Shahidullah Kaiser of Senior Judicial Magistrate's court-1 passed a three day remand order on Monday (October 8), after he was produced before the court by police with a five-day remand prayer.

Earlier, on July 15, the Sociology teacher had to leave the campus along with his family following continuous threat allegedly from Bangladesh Chhatra League activists over his Facebook post in support of the quota reform movement.

The Chhatra League men also declared Maidul Islam and another CU teacher persona non-grata on the campus.



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