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STUDENTS' AGITATION

PUST closed sine die

The authorities suspend 10 students for movement

Students leave Pabna University of Science and Technology campus after the authorities closed the institution for an indefinite period following students' unrest. Photo: STAR

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Pabna University of Science and Technology (PUST) has been closed for an indefinite period yesterday following a students' agitation to press home their seven-point demand.

Besides, the university authority in an urgent Regent board meeting on Monday night decided to suspend 10 agitating students involved in the ongoing students' movement.

PUST authorities have decided to close the university for an indefinite period to bring the situation under control, University Proctor Dr Pretom Kumar Das said, adding that the students were asked to vacate the dormitories by Tuesday morning.

The agitating students became violent and misbehaved with the VC and some of the teachers when they went for a discussion with the students on Monday, the proctor said.

Earlier on Monday, agitating students staged a demonstration in front of the administrative building and besieged the university vice-chancellor (VC), pro-VC, teachers and administrative officials to press home their seven-point demand, including removing semester drop system.

Meanwhile, the agitating students yesterday held a protest rally before leaving the campus and gave ultimatum to meet their seven-point demand within two working days, said Faridul Islam Babu, BCL general secretary, PUST unit.

Pro-VC Dr Anwarul Islam said a committee was formed to work out a solution in this regard but it found that there is no logical ground to fulfil the students' demands.

The committee also collected ordinances of some other universities and found that there is no provision anywhere in Bangladesh to promote the students if they do not pass their examinations.

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