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ATTEMPT TO SET TEACHER ON FIRE

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A Chattogram court yesterday placed a student of University of Science and Technology of Chittagong, who allegedly poured kerosene on a professor, on one-day remand again in a case filed over the incident with Khulshi Police Station.

Chattogram Metropolitan Magistrate Shafi Uddin passed the order against Mahmudul Hasan, a master's student of English department. He was produced before the court with a five-day remand prayer, said Assistant Commissioner (prosecution) Kazi Shahbuddin Ahmed of Chattogram Metropolitan Police.

On July 3, Mahmudul was put on a two-day remand.

According to witnesses, some students staged a protest against Prof Masud Mahmood of the department on July 2, during which they assaulted the professor, and Mahmudul poured kerosene on him to set him on fire. The university authorities rescued Prof Mahmood and informed police who then arrested Mahmudul.

Meanwhile, a three-member probe committee, formed by the university after the incident, in its report has suggested that the authorities expel Mahmudul. The committee



headed by Prof Jasim Uddin of the medical science department, submitted its report yesterday.

Registrar Prof Dilip Kumar Barua said, “The committee found involvement of four students in the act. We have also recommended to suspend the other three for a year.”

Campus sources said on April 16, some students of the English department raised allegations against Prof Mahmood of delivering obscene lectures and demanded his termination by launching protests.

In May, the authorities formed a probe committee, who did not find the allegation to be true, they said.

The demonstration was called off at the beginning of June. It resumed on July 2 at the university gate when Prof Mahmood came to the campus.

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