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Female victim returns to IU campus one month after

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The finance and banking department student of Islamic University who was tortured and humiliated allegedly by a leader and activists of the university unit Chhatra League returned to campus in Kushtia on Sunday.

The victim who is a newly admitted student came back to the university accompanied by her father one month later.

She went straight to her newly allocated Bangamata Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall around 12 noon, the hall house tutor, Nusrat Sultana, told New Age.

‘We welcomed her. All sorts of assistance would be provided to her like other students,’ she said.

IU proctor professor M Shahadat Hossain Azad said that security measures for the fresher were ensured on the campus, and she was relocated to a seat of her choice in Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall following the High Court directive.

The university authorities suspended Shanjida Chowdhury Ontora and four of her cohorts from the university as the probe bodies – Sheikh Hasina Hall administration and Kushtia district administration – found the accused involved in torturing and humiliating the victim.

The university administration also issued a show-cause notice to all of them, who have been asked to reply within seven working days.

Further action against the accused would be taken after getting their response by March 15, the proctor said.

On February 12 night, a group of BCL activists, led by Ontora, went to the victim's room and allegedly tortured her at Deshratna Sheikh Hasina Hall and forced the victim to get undressed and videoed the incident on mobile phone.

The victim on February 14 lodged a written complaint with the university administration, including the university proctor, student adviser and hall provost, demanding punishment of those involved in the incident.

The university administration expelled the accused from the hall on February 27.

Based on an investigation by the Kushtia district administration, the High Court on March 1 ordered the university authorities to suspend the five female students.

The HC bench of Justice JBM Hassan and Justice Razik-Al-Jalil passed the order following a writ petition filed on February 16.

The IU authorities in Kushtia also removed Shamsul Alam, provost of Deshratna Sheikh Hasina Hall, from his post following the High Court directive.



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