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## IU files case against outsiders, one arrested

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The authorities of Islamic University in Kushtia on Tuesday lodged a case against outsiders with the Sailkupa police station over assaulting two of its students on Monday night.

The university also issued an order restricting the movement of outsiders on the campus without any permission from the university authorities.

The police, however, arrested an outsider for his alleged involvement in assaulting the students, the police officials said.

IU acting registrar HM Ali Hasan filed the case against two named and 20 to 25 unnamed persons with the police station early Tuesday amid the protests of the fellow students, Sailkupa police station officer-in-charge Aminul Islam told New Age.

On information, a team of police conducted a drive at the upazila and arrested Jahangir Hossain alias Jhantu in the case.

The police are trying to arrest the rest of the accused involved in the incident, the OC added.

‘IU is only open to its students. Outsiders cannot stay, roam around and do any activities on the campus without the permission of the proctor or the authorities concerned,’ IU proctor professor M Shahadat Hossain Azad said.

If they do not comply with the notice, the authorities will take action against them, he added.

On Monday evening, Mehedi Hasan of management department and Jahid of finance and banking department under 2018-19 academic session were locked into an altercation with the outsiders over capturing video of their female classmates in the IU Lake area.

Mehedi and Jahid were allegedly assaulted by the outsiders at Sheikhpara Bazar adjacent to the campus on Monday evening over the issue that left the students critically injured on the spot.

Local people rescued the students and took them to the IU central hospital for treatment.

Later, they were shifted to Kushtia General Hospital for better treatment, the hospital’s office assistant Khandokar Naimul Reza said.

A group of students went to the university’s main entrance and blockaded the Kushtia-Jhenaidah highway protesting against the assault on fellow students and demanding immediate arrest of the outsiders and restrictions on entry to the campus.

No vehicles, including the university buses, were allowed to move on the highway during the blockade, causing immense suffering for the passengers from far districts.

A team of Kushtia highway police and IU proctorial body led by proctor professor M Shahadat Hossain Azad went to the spot to bring the situation under control.

The students, at one stage, went to IU VC’s residence and threw bricks at its gate to press home their demand.

The students later withdrew their demonstration on the campus at about 11:00pm as the university authorities and Kushtia additional superintendent of police (special branch) Farhad Hossain assured them of looking into the matter.



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