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JU freshers allege midnight ragging at forest

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Twelve first-year students of the zoology department of Jahangirnagar University lodged a complaint of physical and verbal harassment by their senior fellows in a reserve forest area on the university campus on Sunday midnight.

The victims lodged the complaint with the university's proctor office on Monday claiming that the ragging session continued from 8:00pm on Sunday to 1:00am early Monday until the proctorial body reached the spot.

According to the complaint, the freshers were asked to present on the spot by some second-year students of the department, aiming to teach the freshers how to behave cordially with senior students.

However, the senior students became furious at one point as some of the freshers refused to remain in kneel down position on the charge of 'ill-mannered' behaviour, the complaint read.

‘A senior has thrown his shoe at me when I said that I am unable to stay at the ragging session anymore,’ a victim student said, wishing anonymity.

The alleged students are ABM Abdullah Al Kafi, Nur Islam, Tanvir Islam, Abdus Sobur, Ahmed Izajul Hasan Arif, Prince Kumar Roy, Rasel Hossain, Chiranjit Mondal, Khandaker Moaz Islam, Shizan Ahmed, Mithun Roy.

Admitting the ragging session, ABM Abdullah Al Kafi said, ‘It was a mistake of throwing a shoe at juniors. I am ready to submit an undertaking of not joining in similar activities anymore.’

Assistant proctor SMA Moudud Ahmed said, ‘We rescued the victim students from the forest area at about 1:00am on Monday and necessary actions are underway against those involved in the unexpected ragging.’

JU proctor ASM Firoz-ul-Hasan said, ‘I have received a complaint and steps will be taken in this regard soon.’



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