

Islamic University expels five students for a year



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The Islamic University authorities in Kushtia today expelled five of its female students, including a leader of the university unit of Chhatra League, for a year over their involvement in the torture of fresher Phulpori Khatun on the campus.

The decision was made at a meeting of the university's student disciplinary committee in the morning with Vice-Chancellor Prof Shaikh Abdus Salam in the chair.

The expelled students are Sanjida Chowdhury Antora, vice-president of the university unit BCL and a student of statistics department, and four activists Halima Akhtar Urmī of fine arts, Ishrat Jahan Mim of law, and Tabassum Islam and Mawabia Jahan of finance and banking.

IU pro-VC Prof M Mahbubur Rahman, treasurer Prof M Alamgir Hossain Bhuiya, proctor Prof M Shahadat Hossain Azad, acting registrar HM Ali Hasan, among others, were present in the meeting.

Prof Azad said the university authorities expelled Antora and four of her associates for a year as per the university act.

Phulpori, a first-year student of finance and banking, on February 14 lodged a written complaint with the university administration alleging that Chhatra League leader Sanjida, activist Tabassum Islam and several others tortured her on the night of February 12 for staying at the Deshratna Sheikh Hasina Hall

without their "permission".

In her complaint, she said they tortured her from 11:00pm until 3:30am. She also demanded punishment of those involved.

The incident came to light after the victim left the hall and disclosed the matter to her seniors and her family members.

Two probe bodies, formed by the Islamic University authorities to look into the matter, submitted their reports on February 26.

The hall administration expelled the accused on February 27. On March 5, the university authorities suspended Antora and four of her associates from the university as well as removed Shamsul Alam, the provost of Deshratna Sheikh Hasina Hall, from his post following a High Court order. The university administration also allotted a seat for Phulpori at any room in any hall of her own choice so that she can resume her classes and academic activities, following the court or