

IU expels 5 students for torturing Phulpori



Islamic University has expelled five students for torturing Phulpori Khatun, a first-year student of finance and banking.

The decision was taken at an emergency syndicate meeting today, with IU Vice-Chancellor Prof Shaikh Abdus Salam in the chair, said Registrar HM Ali Hasan.

The expelled students are Shanjida Chowdhury Antora of statistics department, also a former vice president of IU Chhatra League, Tabassum Islam and Maobiya Jahan, of finance and banking, Halima Khatun Urmi of fine arts, and Israt Jahan Mim of law department.

Speaking to The Daily Star, Ali Hasan said, "These students were expelled following directives from the High Court."

The HC will be informed about the decision by August 23, he added.

On July 16, the IU suspended the five students for one year after probing the incident.

The HC on July 26 scrapped the order stating that the punishment was not given following the university's code of conduct and asked the vice-chancellor to take the decision about punishing them under the relevant provision of the Students Code of Conduct, 1987.

Phulpori in a complaint said she was tortured and intimidated by some fellow students at Deshratna Sheikh Hasina Hall on the night of February 12. She was forced to undress and was also filmed. The accused threatened to kill her if she shared the incident with anyone.

She had filed the complaint to the university proctor, student adviser and the hall provost on February 14, demanding punishment for those involved.

Three committees were formed to probe the incident at the time.