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Two probe bodies formed over vandalism at CU

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The Chittagong University authorities on Monday formed two separate probe committees over vandalism during the student protests on the campus following the injury of some students falling from the roof of a shuttle train of the university.

CU proctor Nurul Azim Shikder said that a committee comprising five members headed by Professor Bashir Ahmad of the Islamic history and culture department will investigate the incident of vandalism on the campus on September 7 and will identify the offenders, and make recommendations for action.

Another three-member committee headed by Professor Mohammad Shahidullah of the mass communication and journalism department was also formed to probe the incident of students' falling from the roof of the running shuttle train, he added.

The university authority said that action will be taken against those involved in the incident following the reports of the probe committees.

At least 20 students were injured while traveling on the roof of a shuttle train from Chattogram City to the university campus on the night of September 7.

Following the incident, the students vandalised 65 vehicles while they also carried out vandalism at the residence of the Vice-Chancellor and teachers' club.

The university authorities filed two cases accusing around 1,000 people including 14 students.

Among the students, at least 12 have been identified as the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League, the student wing of the ruling Awami League.

Proctor Nurul Azim Shikder also said that investigation is going on against the accused in the cases.

He also explained that the 14 students were named accused in the cases after analyzing CCTV footage, eyewitness accounts and other evidence of the vandalism incident.

The police will take action against them according to the cases, he said, adding that the university will also take action against them after receiving the reports of the probe body.

When asked, Rafiqul Islam, officer-in-charge of Hathazari police station, said that they were yet to arrest anyone in connection with the cases.



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