122 DU students involved in July 15 violence

Finds fact-finding committee



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A fact-finding committee of Dhaka University has identified 122 DU students involved in violence on the campus on July 15 last year.

Outsiders including students of other educational institutions were also involved, Quazi Mahfujul Hoque Supan, convener of the committee, told the reporters after handing over the report to the DU vice-chancellor.



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"As an institution, Dhaka University cannot directly file a criminal case. However, the authorities will take institutional measures against the perpetrators," said Mahfujul Hoque Supan, associate professor of the law department.

After receiving the report, VC Prof Niaz Ahmed Khan said, "The report will be presented at the meeting of syndicate which will take further decisions."

The convener said the July 15 violence is a well-planned attack on the students.

The committee has also found the involvement of many former students.

Regarding these individuals, the university authorities could consider canceling their academic certificates.

Regarding the outsiders, the DU authorities will contact their respective institutions to take measures, according to the convener of the committee.

Supan said the violence involving students has been categorised into three types: attacks on female students, attacks on the injured at the Dhaka Medical College Emergency Department, and attacks on general students.

"We used several digital fact-checking tools while scrutinising the video evidence to ensure that no innocent individuals fall victim to wrongful accusations," the convener said.

The DU authorities formed the fact-finding committee on September 30, 2024.