

# Commotion over list of suspended: DU students try to surround VC office



A group of Dhaka University students today tried to surround the vice-chancellor's office protesting the exclusion of some students from the list of 128 students suspended for their alleged involvement in attacks on protesters during the July uprising on the university campus.

They went to surround the VC's office around 3:00pm. However, they returned to their dormitories after the university proctor, Saifuddin Ahmed, assured them of a complete list to be published soon.



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On Monday, the DU authorities suspended 128 students. It came at a syndicate meeting based on the report of a fact-finding committee formed to investigate the attacks.

One of the agitating students, Abdul Kader said the list of alleged perpetrators is incomplete.

"The general secretary of Dhaka University Chhatra League, Tanvir Hasan Saikat, and top Chhatra League leaders from other universities and colleges were not mentioned in the list, which is totally unexpected," he said.

"There could be malicious intent behind it," said Kader, also convener of the Bangladesh Democratic Students' Council.

Kazi Mahful Huq Supon, the convener of the fact-finding committee, said the number published in the list of suspensions is just one-fourth of the total names mentioned in our report.

He said Tanvir Hasan Saikat was not mentioned in the suspension list because no video footage was found against him. However, his name appears in several parts of the report as one of the key planners of the premeditated attack on the students at Dhaka University.

Proctor Saifuddin Ahmed told The Daily Star that the list of the identified perpetrators is still incomplete.

"After compiling all the evidence and ensuring proper procedure, we included the names in the list," he said.

## **FIVE OUTSIDERS IN THE LIST**

Five names which were mentioned in the list are not Dhaka University students.

Ibrahim Hossain Sanim is from the Department of Theater at Jagannath University, while Mahmudul Hasan Akash is from the Department of Marketing at the same university. Akhter Hossain Rumon is a student of Government Bangla College.

The other two individuals are Rubel Khan, a Chhatra League activist from Kuakata upazila in Patuakhali, and Rizvi Ahmed Khoka, whose details were not provided in the list.

About the five, Kazi Mahful Huq Supon said there was a mistake.

Proctor Saifuddin, however, said the list of 128 students is not only the list of suspended students but also of the identified attackers.

The DU authority will recommend that the respective institutions take action against the identified perpetrators who do not belong to DU, he added.

Rifat Rashid, one of the key organisers of the student-led mass uprising and joint secretary of the National Citizens' Party, wrote on his Facebook wall that it seemed the investigation committee compiled the list based only on the students from the 2019-20, 2020-21, and 2021-22 sessions, while excluding the key Chhatra League leaders.

He questioned why major Chhatra League members like Saikat, Abu Yunus, Akib Fuad, Kamal Uddin Rana, and others were missing from the list. "Not a single woman from Chhatra League is

included, and only one name has come from the three dormitories of the science faculty students."

Mossadeq Ali, a student of the Bengali department and an active organiser in the July uprising, stated that by analysing clear video footage of the attackers, the number of identified individuals would exceed 500.

"Students have compiled a list with proof of the information. The explanation provided by the university is questionable," he said.