

# University Teachers' Network voices support for protesting Kuet students



The University Teachers' Network (UTN) expressed solidarity today with the protesting students of Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (KUET), demanding the resignation of the university's vice-chancellor (VC).

The UTN is a coalition of private and public university teachers.



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In a statement issued by Prof Gitiara Nasreen, UTN called on the Kuet administration to immediately accept the students' "justified demand".

The network also demanded the withdrawal of the "mass-suspension order" against 37 students, which Kuet authorities revoked shortly after.

In addition to the call for lifting suspensions, UTN urged the administration to withdraw the cases filed against the protesting students.

The teachers' network further demanded prompt medical treatment and rehabilitation for the injured, along with immediate legal action against the "identified criminals" responsible for attacking and severely injuring the students.

According to the statement, Kuet students began their hunger strike after the university failed to ensure their safety in the wake of a violent attack.

UTN alleged that although local activists of Chhatra Dal and Jubo Dal attacked the students with sharp weapons on February 18, the university administration hastily filed a police case against unnamed individuals, excluding the "identified attackers".