

# UGC delegation meets protesting KUET students



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Amid the ongoing crisis at Khulna University of Engineering and Technology (KUET), a three-member delegation from the University Grants Commission (UGC) met with protesting students today to review their demands and promised appropriate action.

The delegation consisted of UGC member Professor Tanzimuddin Khan, Professor Saidur Rahman, and Joint Secretary of the Secondary and Higher Education Division Ahmed Shibli.



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They arrived on campus around 10:00am.

The delegation first met with students currently on hunger strike and urged them to end their fast. However, the students reiterated their stance, saying that they would continue until their demands, especially the resignation of the Vice-Chancellor (VC), are met.

Later, the delegation held a nearly two-hour closed-door meeting with student representatives.

During the discussion, students presented accounts of physical assaults, administrative inaction, and the background of their movement, according to students who attended the meeting. They also

countered what they described as misinformation and rumours spread by the VC to the media and the faculty.

The UGC representatives assured them of a fair and transparent review.

"They will investigate the matter and submit their recommendations to the Ministry. The final decision will come from the Ministry," said one student after the meeting.

Despite this, many students expressed frustration.

"We submitted a memorandum to the chief adviser two months ago, but there's been no visible progress. We've learned that many officials were not even aware of it," said a protesting student.