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32 BUET students punished

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The Board of Residence and Discipline of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology took punitive action against 32 students for their alleged involvement in untoward incidents that occurred on December 23 and 24 last year. The action was taken under Section 5-A of BUET Ordinance.

Three students expelled for one to two years term included Mahfuzur Rahman, Publicity Secretary of the central committee of Bangladesh Chhatra League (Mustaque), a students wing of JSD (Inu). The other two who received one year expulsion order are Farid Ahmed, a leader of Jatiotabadi Chhatra Dal, BUET unit and Komol Kumar Roy of Bangladesh Chhatra Union. The one year expulsion order of seven other students was kept in abeyance. The board warned 22 students, seats in the residential hall of three of them were cancelled.

Following the announcement of the board on Tuesday night the students of BUET reacted sharply and brought out protest procession on the campus. The students

observed protest strike on Wednesday and urged the authority to withdraw the expulsion order to ensure a congenial academic atmosphere.

Past recalled

It may be mentioned here that some untoward incidents took place on December 23 and 24 last year in which students put up barricades on the roads and damaged some window panes of buildings. The incidents occurred following the cancellation of the long awaited December 21st meeting of Academic Council which was scheduled to take decision about the students' demand for introducing a new system about class test. The students observed about three months strike to press home their demand.

However, the authority introduced a new system of class test on January 4 this year. The observers on the campus opined all these incidents could be avoided if the authority acted pragmatically.

Meanwhile, the students apologised to the Vice Chancellor and teachers regretting the incidents.