

Gono Bishwabidyalay suspends eight students over ‘ragging’ allegations

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University forms investigation committees, says it will cover all medical expenses of the victim



The Gono Bishwabidyalay administration has suspended eight students of its law department for their alleged involvement in ragging a junior student of the same department.

The suspended students are Antu Dewan (27th batch), Tariqul Islam (27th batch), Mehedi Hasan (28th batch), Asif Rahman Labib (28th batch), Asadur Rahman (32nd batch), Ashraful Islam (32nd batch), Naeem (32nd batch) and Mehedi (32nd batch).

Sharmin Sultana, assistant registrar (public relations) of Gono Bishwabidyalay, said a 33rd-batch law student was called from another mess in Nalam area of Pathalia union in Savar on November 24 (Monday) night and subjected to ragging and torture.

Following the allegation, the university immediately formed a departmental investigation committee, which initially found the involvement of the eight students. Based on the findings, the university suspended them, she said.

Separate investigations are now being carried out by the proctorial body and the departmental investigation committee, Sharmin added.

The university administration will take further action based on the reports submitted by the two bodies.

She also said the university has taken responsibility for all medical treatment costs of the victim.

Earlier on November 26 (Wednesday), separate suspension orders, signed by Gono Bishwabidyalay Registrar Md Ohiduzzaman, were issued against the eight students.

The order stated that the students were accused of violating the university's rules by ragging and brutally torturing the student, adding that initial investigations found evidence of their involvement. The students have been barred from all academic and extracurricular activities until further notice.

Earlier the same day, the victim's classmates staged a protest on campus, demanding justice for those responsible. Around noon, the university administration held a meeting with representatives of the Gono Bishwabidyalay Central Students' Union (GOCSU) and the victim's classmates.

Later, at around 4:15pm, Vice-Chancellor Professor Md Abul Hossain informed students on campus that eight law department students had been suspended over the incident.