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Sexual assault**DU students
lay siege to
VC's office**

By DU Correspondent

A section of general students of Dhaka University and activists of some student organisations yesterday laid siege to the Vice Chancellor's office demanding exemplary punishment to a teacher for "sexually assaulting" a female student.

The students demanded that the teacher be expelled from the university.

An MA (final) year female student of Public Administration Department in a written complaint to the VC said that she was sexually harassed by Prof. Shahiduzzaman of International Relations.

The students, united under the banner of a committee titled *Students -- Protesting Sexual Repression* held a rally at the *Aparajeya Bangla* on the campus at noon.

Addressing the rally, some students demanded that the report of the fact-finding committee be released immediately. The DU authorities formed the committee on December 7 to inquire.

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investigate the alleged harassment.

They said the teachers involved in such heinous activities in the university deserved exemplary punishment.

They urged the authorities to include a female student in the fact-finding committee. They urged the authorities to create a female student-friendly environment on the campus.

Later, the students brought out a procession and marched towards the administrative building, which houses the VC's office. They submitted a memorandum to the VC.

Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) and Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU) joined them and submitted separate memorandums to the VC.

Earlier, the BCU and SCF brought out separate processions on the campus and held rallies in front of the administrative building.