



**Protest**

Their pains painted on their faces, female students join their male counterparts on the Dhaka University campus to form a human chain yesterday to protest sexual assault by their teachers.

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## Human chain at DU to protest sexual abuse

By DU Correspondent

Dhaka University students yesterday formed a human chain protesting sexual harassment of female students allegedly by a section of their teachers.

The chain, starting from the *Aparajeya Bangla* on the campus at noon, was organised by students united under the banner of "Students Protesting Sexual Harassment".

The students demanded exemplary punishment to the teachers accused of sexually assaulting female students of the university. They also demanded making public immediately all the probe committee reports on sexual abuses by teachers so far.

They urged the authorities to frame a code of conduct to prevent sexual assaults in future

and inclusion of a female student in the fact finding committee probing the allegation against a international relations teacher for sexual harassment.

A student of public administration complained to the Vice Chancellor on November 30 that Prof. Shahiduzzaman of International Relations had sexually harassed her in his room on November 29.

Meanwhile, the DU Paribesh Parishad at a meeting with the vice-chancellor in the chair yesterday decided to ask the probe committee to complete its job in the next 15 days, a DU press release said.

The Parishad in a resolution asked all the aggrieved students

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to submit their complaints with its member secretary, who is also Registrar of the university. The probe committee will also investigate incidents of sexual assault reported in newspapers.

The meeting was attended by the leaders of various student organisations including Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Bangladesh Chhatra Union (BCU), Bangladesh Chhatra Maitree (BCM) and Samajtantrik Chhatra Front.