

IU teacher suspended over sexual harassment allegation

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THE authorities of Islamic University in Kushtia on Saturday suspended one of its teachers over allegation of sexually harassing a female student, the IU registrar office said.

Acting registrar SM Abdul Latif told New Age that the university vice-chancellor M Harun-Ur-Rashid Askari issued the suspension order against Asaduzzaman, an assistant professor of finance and banking department, after receiving a written complaint on April 10 from a female student of the same department, which sought punishment for the teacher for sexually harassing her and luring her into an intimate relationship with false promises of marriage.

The university also formed a nine-member probe body, headed by public administration department teacher Nashim Banu, chief of the university's sexual harassment prevention cell, to investigate into the incident. The body was asked to submit its report in 15 working days.

Asaduzzaman denied the allegation and told New Age that it was a conspiracy of a group of teachers against him.

The VC told New Age that they would take legal steps after getting the investigation report.

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