

KU students boycott classes over hidden phone in women's washroom

Canteen worker detained as protesters demand justice, campus security and speedy trial

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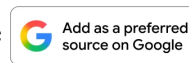
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Khulna University students today boycotted all academic and administrative activities, demanding a fair investigation after a man was detained for allegedly placing a mobile phone inside a washroom at a women's residential hall.

The incident took place around 11:30pm yesterday at Bijoy '24 Hall.

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According to students, they found a mobile phone hidden inside the women's washroom and later detained and beat up Imam Hasan, a canteen worker at the hall.

They alleged that the phone contained several secretly recorded videos and claimed such recordings had been made over a long period and shared through Telegram groups.

Harintana Police Station Officer-in-Charge Md Helal Uddin said Imam is receiving treatment at Khulna Medical College Hospital under police custody.

The students alleged that Imam's wife was aware of and involved in the activities. His wife has also been taken into police custody, the OC said.

The incident sparked anger among students, particularly female residents of the hall, who raised concerns about their safety and privacy.

Students staged a protest rally today at Hadi Chattar and announced a boycott of all academic and administrative activities until a fair investigation is completed and those responsible are brought to justice.

They also locked the university's main gate, pocket gate and administrative building, disrupting campus operations.

The protesters accused the university administration of repeatedly failing to take effective action in previous cases of sexual harassment involving teachers and students.

Md Hasan Masud, assistant director of student affairs at KU, said they are currently sitting with the students to "discuss the issue and find a solution".

He added that no case had yet been filed by the university administration.

According to him, the students have demanded that the accused be tried before a speedy trial tribunal.