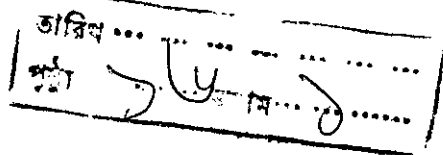


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Removal of former RU VC challenged

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A writ petition has been filed in the High Court challenging the removal of Prof. Sayeedur Rahman Khan from the post of Vice-Chancellor (VC) of Rajshahi University (RU) and the appointment of Prof Dr. Faisul Islam Faruqui as RU-VC.

A division bench of the High Court comprising Justice Md. Hamidul Haque and Justice Md. Iman Ali issued a rule nisi upon the government and authority concerned to show cause as to why the removal of Prof. Sayeedur Rahman Khan from the post of RU-VC and the appointment of Prof. Dr. Faisul Islam Faruqui in the said post should not be declared to have been made without lawful authority and was of no legal effect.

Prof. Sayeedur Raman Khan was appointed as Pro-VC of Rajshahi University in December 1997. Thereafter the President who is also the Chancellor of the university appointed Prof. Khan as the Vice Chancellor of the university as he obtained highest vote by the Senate on 3.8.1999 for 4 years. But the Chancellor on 12.11.2001 by a notification removed him from the post of RU-VC and appointed Prof. Faruqui in the said post. Challenging the said notification Prof. Khan filed a writ petition and the High court issued the rule nisi.

Advocate AKM Asaduzzaman with Aminul Haque Helal appeared for Prof. Khan.