

Militant Galib made RU professor

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Detained suspected militant kingpin and chief of Ahle Hadith Andolan, Bangladesh Asadullah Al Galib was made a permanent professor at the Department of Arabic in Rajshahi University (RU).

According to a RU notice signed by its registrar, four professors including Galib were appointed to vacant posts of permanent professors based on seniority.

The three others are: Abdul Aziz Khan, Abdul Haq and AKM Hamsul Alam.

A senior RU teacher said Galib's job confirmation was disclosed at a RU syndicate meeting on December 2.

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However, another RU teacher claimed that Galib was promoted professor post two years ago and his job was confirmed despite his failing to render the required "satisfactory service" for over one year.

RU Registrar Abdus Salam, however, claimed Galib's job confirmation was legal.

Galib was arrested in February 2005 over allegations of scheming militancy and for his connection with different international militant outfits.

After his arrest, the RU authorities suspended payment of his salary and the suspension order yet to be withdrawn, said sources.

Meanwhile, RU authorities looked for documents that questioned Galib's secret tour to India. RU Registrar Abdus Salam said he was unaware of any file or documents regarding Galib's India tour.

In 1998, the then RU registrar Muhammad Yunus issued a show-cause notice against Galib asking him to explain his visit to India with a business passport and without the authority's no objection certificate.

Prof Yunus was killed in December 2004 and Jamia'at-ul-Mujahideen, Bangladesh chief Abdur Rahman and Siddiqui Islam Bangla Bhai's accomplices claimed responsibility for the murder late on.

Police implicated Galib in several cases at different districts and mentioned his name as a leader of militants in a sedition case in Natore. Galib received bail in five cases but he was denied bail several times in a bomb blast case in Bogra and in