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### 3 DU M. Phil students deprived of scholarships?

A Dhaka University official has allegedly violated the decision of the higher authorities and deprived three M.Phil researchers of their due scholarships, reports UNB.

One of the deprived M.Phil students filed a written complaint with the Vice Chancellor to resolve the matter.

Campus sources said the DU authorities, in a meeting on September 6, 2001 decided to award Tk 36,000 per year to 36 M.Phil researchers.

According to the decision, if any of the researchers receive scholarship from other sources, then the M.Phil scholarship would be distributed among four researchers of Persian and Urdu department, Law, Business Studies Institute and Health Economics.

"As there were 11 surplus scholarships, a section officer (now assistant register), Lokman Hakim, proposed to the authorities 11 new names violating the decision," a deprived researcher said requesting anonymity.

On the proposal, the then DU VC ordered that the decision of the meeting should be implemented according to rules of business. But the official, showing VC's remarks as a 'nod' to his

proposal, which apparently was not, issued letters awarding scholarship to those whom he had proposed, sources said.

On March 3 this year, the official issued a letter to the 11 M. Phil students, whose names he had proposed, asking them to submit required papers. Nine of them complied, but two others ignored his advice, sources added.