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Senate members criticise VC's role

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Twenty-five members of Dhaka University Senate representing registered graduates in a joint statement condemned Prof. Emajuddin, Ahmed, Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University for his role in implementing "blueprint" of the government to politicise the university senate.

They said that the Vice-Chancellor failed to conduct the senate meeting neutrally by supporting the government side. They asserted that the Vice-Chancellor had no moral right to remain as the chairman of the senate as he lost the confidence of the senate members.

The signatories to the statement said that the Vice-Chancellor openly supported the government backed panel in the elections of three senate members to the syndicate and one member to the Finance Committee. They pointed out that the Vice-Chan-

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cellor violating all rules and status kept the list of the total senate members secret before the election. They alleged that to ensure the victory of the government backed panel, there were changes in the list of government and speakers' nominees to the senate in violation of the existing rules.

They further pointed out that when the Vice-Chancellor and the Government backed panel were not sure of winning, they made a bid to allow Dr. Ershadul Bari, expelled by

Dhaka University Teachers Association on charge making comments against the liberation war and the national flag, to participate in the election.

They said that the biased and motivated role of the Vice-Chancellor in conducting the senate meeting defying all norms of democratic practices and tradition compelled to stage a walk out from the meeting. They pointed that the Vice-Chancellor and the government supporters took such move to frustrate the mandate of the registered graduates in electing the entire panel of 25 member supporting the Bengali nationalism and spirit of Liberation war.

The signatories were, Dr. Arefin Siddique, Shamsuzzaman Khan, Ismat Kadir Gama, Dr. Harun-ur-Rashid, Dr. Nurur Rahman Khan, Prof. Abdul Mannan Chowdhury, A.M. Rasheda, Khaleda Habib, Prof. Akhtaruzzaman, Prof. Mahfuz Khanam, advocate Abdus Salam Talukder, Dr. Enamul Huq, Wahiduzzaman Chand, Mohammed Enamul Huq, Habibur Rahman Khan, Manzurul Islam, Shahjalal Majumdar, Advocate Ojair Faruk, Nilufar Begum, Kazi Akramuddin Ahmed, Ramendu Majumdar, Advocate Syed Ahmed, Dr. Sayed Modasser Ali, Advocate Syed Rezaur Rahman, and M. Azizul Islam Bhuiyan.