

Pro-VC may become DU acting VC

The Government may like pro-VC Prof Shahid Uddin Ahmad to be made acting Vice-Chancellor of the crisis-ridden Dhaka University so the rivals cannot find any new plea for making more trouble on the volatile campus, reports UNB.

Prof Emajuddin Ahmad stepped down as Vice-Chancellor on Saturday amid a wave of campus violence, leaving a vacuum in the highest seat of the university administration.

It is not yet clear whether the resignation of Prof Ahmad was accepted by the education author-

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ities, but, in the meantime, speculations are rife about a possible replacement.

University officials said Prof Emajuddin Ahmad was waiting for a reply from the Education Ministry about his resignation. He, however, is doing routine office work of Vice-Chancellor but not dealing with any file.

Dhaka University Teachers' Association President ATM Zahurul Haque is learnt to be on top of the list of hopefuls for the post of Vice-Chancellor.

AK Azad Chowdhury of Pharmacy and Prof Mosihuzzaman of Chemistry department, Prof Anisuzzaman of Bangla, Prof Mostafa Chowdhury of Political Science, Prof Aminul Islam of Philosophy, Prof Saad Uddin of Sociology and Prof Sirajul Islam Chowdhury of English department are also in the short-list.

According to provisions, the Chancellor appoints an acting VC and the senators elect a three-member panel for Vice-Chancellor within three months of appointing the stopgap VC.

The Chancellor appoints Vice-Chancellor from the panel according to his/her choice.

A DU official told UNB that the pro-Vice Chancellor had not yet got any instruction from the Education Ministry.

Pro-Awami League Blue panel commands the Dhaka University Senate. Moreover, five MP-senators nominated by the Speaker further added to its power.

Sources said the Government is likely to weigh the views of the Dhaka University Teachers Association, predominated by the so-called pro-Awami League teachers, in appointing a new VC.