

# Only one DU V-C could complete full term

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None of the Dhaka University Vice-Chancellors, excepting Dr. Fazlul Halim Chowdhury, could complete their four-year term in the post-liberation period of the country.

Most of the Vice-Chancellors were either removed by the Government or had to resign due to political changes in the country.

Ten Vice-Chancellors were appointed in Dhaka University in last 25 years since independence. Of the ten Vice-Chancellors, Dr. Fazlul Halim Chowdhury was the only fortunate person who completed his first tenure without any trouble. He took over the office of the Vice-Chancellor in February 1976 and continued till March 1983. He, however, had the bitter experience of failure during his second term in the office from 1979 to 1983.

Justice Abu Sayeed Chowdhury was the first Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University after the country's independence. He took over in December 1969 and continued till January 1972.

Professor Emajuddin Ahmed was the last fortunate Vice-Chancellor of the university who was about to finish his four-year tenure. He resigned from his office only three months before completing the term. He was made Vice-Chancellor in November 1993.

Professor Emajuddin Ahmed resigned on Saturday last in the backdrop of deteriorating law and order situation on the campus. Student fronts of both ruling party and the opposition—Bangladesh Chhatra League and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal were looked in fighting on the campus for last few days.

Earlier, Professor Emajuddin Ahmed was highly criticized by the Dhaka University Teachers Association (DUTA), different student and socio-cultural organisations for the role at the time of police atrocity at Jagannath Hall on January 31, 1996.

The personalities, who were appointed Vice-Chancellors since the inception of the university were Sir. P.J. Hartog (December 1921 to December 1925), Professor G.H. Langley (January 1926 to June 1934), Sir A.F. Rahman (July 1934 to December 1936), Dr. Ramesh Chandra Majumdar (January 1937 to June 1942), Dr. Mahmud Hasan (July 1942 to October 1948), Dr. Sayed Moazzem Hossain (October 1948 to November 1953), Dr. W.A. Jenkins (November 1953 to November 1956), Justice Mohammad Ibrahim

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(November 1956 to October 1958), Justice Mahmudur Rahman (November 1958 to December 1960), Dr. Mahmud Hossain (December 1960 to February 1963), Dr. Muhammad Osman Gani (February 1963 to December 1969), Justice Abu Sayed Chowdhury (December 1969 to January 1972), Dr. Muzaffar Ahmed Chowdhury (January 1972 to April 1973), Dr. Abdul Matin Chowdhury (April 1973 to September 1975), Professor Muhammad Samsul Haq (September 1975 to February 1976), Dr. Fazlul Halim Chowdhury (February 1976 to March 1983), Dr. A.K.M. Siddiq (March 1983 to August 1983), Dr. Muhammad Shamsul Haq (August 1983 to January 1986), Professor A. Mannan (January 1986 to March 1990), Professor M. Moniruzzaman Mian (March 1990 to October 1992) and Professor Emajuddin Ahmed (November 1993 to August 1996).