

'IRREGULARITIES' BRUR vice chancellor faces UGC probe

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The University Grants Commission has formed a committee to investigate some allegations against the vice chancellor of Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur (BRUR).

The three-member committee was formed on August 2 headed by UGC member Prof Md Akter Hossain. The other two are Dr Md Fakhrul Islam, joint secretary (administration); and Rabiul Islam, associate director, Department of Public University Management, UGC.

UGC issued a letter to the BRUR authorities, urging its teachers, officials and staff to cooperate with the team during the investigation.

The probe committee was formed after the university teachers submitted a complaint against VC Prof AKM Nur-Un Nobi to UGC on March 6, BRUR Teachers Association President Dr RM Hafizur Rahman told The Daily Star yesterday.

On March 3, they informed UGC Chairman Prof Abdul Mannan of the allegations during his visit to the university, said the association Secretary Tabiur Rahman.

The allegations include skipping offices for 495 days out of 1,225 working days, halting recruitment in 17 posts including of three deans and three departmental heads in last three years, not taking any initiative to start smooth function of Dr Wazed Research Institute founded in 2009, inaction over assaults of teachers by outsiders, and a controversial appointment of the executive engineer.

They alleged that his absence led to irregularities and mismanagement. VC Nur-Un Nobi denied all the allegations and said he did not get any UGC letter.