

DU on leakage allegation

Denial can't cure an ill

AMIDST allegations of the question paper being leaked before the exams, the admission test results for Gha (D) unit of Dhaka University (DU) for 2017-2018 sessions has been published on Sunday. As many as 98,054 candidates applied for 1,610 seats for three groups, but 71,549 of them sat for the test last Friday. Only 10,264 of them have secured pass marks, which means an alarming 85% have failed.

Despite several newspapers including *The Daily Star* and television channels publishing the news of question leak with evidence, the DU authorities have kept denying the allegations without taking any steps to investigate the matter. Numerous activists have been participating in a protest demanding the formation of a probe committee for a thorough investigation of the question leak allegation. In spite of this, the authorities have stayed stubborn on their stance of denial.

Other than causing disappointment among people, what is alarming is the culture that this action is propagating. Education without morality is a menace in society. This situation depicts the lowest standard of morality in what is supposed to be the institution that functions as the moral high ground of the nation. If the questions were indeed not leaked, this should be made clear through an investigation. The stance of the DU authorities in this regard is truly upsetting. We hope they will reconsider their stand and look into investigating the matter.