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National university renames colleges named after war criminals

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The National University has taken a move to change names of five colleges which are named after controversial organisations or individuals who opposed the war of independence of 1971 or involved with war crimes.

The move came in accordance with a High Court order passed on Thursday directing the government to rename roads named after collaborators of Pakistan during the war with the names of freedom fighters, said a release sent by the university on the day.

It added that already the authorities had renamed Rabeta Model College at Langadu of Rangamati as Langadu Model College.

The university will also change names of Syed Saiduddin College at Madhabpur in Habiganj, Eidgah Farid Ahmed College in Cox's Bazar, Emdad Hamida College of Bashail in Tangail, and Dharmapur Abdul Jabbar College of Gaibandha, reads the release.

Syed Saiduddin College would be renamed as Mulana Asad Ali Degree College, Eidgah Farid Ahmed College would be renamed as Eidgah Rashid Ahmed College, Emdad Hamida College would be renamed as Bashail Degree College while Dharmapur Abdul Jabbar College will be renamed as Dharmapur Degree College, adds the release.

Last year, National University took initiatives for identifying the colleges which had been named after controversial figures or organisations opposing Bangladesh during the war.

The university also included Swadhin Bangladesher Abbdhudayer Itihas as a mandatory textbook for all disciplines in 2014, the release said.



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