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SC stays DU VC panel activities, orders disposal of HC rule

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THE appellate division of the Supreme Court on Thursday stayed the activities of the newly-announced three-member vice-chancellor panel of Dhaka University for appointing a new VC.

The three-member SC bench, headed by chief justice SK Sinha also asked the

High court to dispose of the rule which was issued seeking explanation as to why the calling of the senate meeting should not be declared illegal and unlawful within four weeks.

Barrister Rokanuddin Mahmud moved for the petitioner while advocate ASM Mezbah Uddin argued for Dhaka University.

Following a writ petition

filed by 15 registered graduates, the High Court on July 24 issued a rule asking the authorities concerned to explain as to why the calling of the senate meeting should not be declared illegal and unlawful.

The education secretary, DU VC, pro-VCs and registrar had been asked to reply to the rule within four weeks. At the same time, the

court had ordered the constitution of the DU senate as per section 20 (1) of the Dhaka University Order 1973.

On July 29, the Dhaka University senate nominated a three-member panel, including incumbent DU vice-chancellor Professor AAMS Arefin Siddique, for appointing a new VC.

The other panel members are DU treasurer Professor

M Kamal Uddin of international business department and Professor Mohammed Abdul Aziz of theoretical and computational chemistry department.

The panel was nominated at a special senate session of the university held at Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Bhaban as per section 11 (1) of the Dhaka University Order 1973.