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### BAU blamed for irregularities

On the pressure of the students, the Vice Chancellor of Bangladesh Agricultural University (BAU), Mymensingh recently announced the cancellation and re-holding of Plant Pathology (theory) examination of Part-III B.Sc. Ag. (Hons) which held on 4.12.93.

The examinees of the said exam demanded cancellation and re-examination of Plant Pathology paper because according to them, the question was not common. On the other hand, Plant Pathology (theory) exam on the same question paper was held peacefully in all the three Agri Colleges of the country including Bangladesh Agricultural Institute (BAI), Dhaka.

The Bangladesh Agricul-

tural Institute Teachers' Association in an emergency meeting bitterly criticised the decision of cancellation and re-holding of the Plant Path exam. The meeting observed with dissatisfaction that in case of Agricultural Colleges, the BAU hardly deviates from its stand even on any genuine ground of the formers'. Most of the time the BAU avoids taking any "welfare step" in favour of the Agri Colleges on the plea of constraints in BAU's ordinance. It was noted with concern that the BAU authority have done so in the past as well. This would not only Adversely affect the academic system but will also cre-

ate instances for the students of Agri Colleges, which are running under the academic control of BAU.

The meeting also endorsed the resolution taken in the Teachers' Council meeting of Haj Mohammad Danesh Agriculture College, Dinajpur condemning the decision of cancellation and re-examination of the Plant Path exam, urging upon the BAU authority to stop such irregularities immediately.

It may be mentioned here that BAU is the sole authority for setting course curricula, question papers and examining the scripts. There is no direct

participation of the teachers of BAI or other two Agri Colleges in these activities.

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