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Emajuddin protests remark of Ministers

Prof. Emajuddin Ahmed has protested the remarks in parliament of the Education Minister, Post and Telecommunication Minister and a ruling party member following his resignation as Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University, reports UNB.

In a letter to Speaker Humayun Rashid Chowdhury on Tuesday, Prof. Ahmed described contents of their statements as "untrue and concocted" and requested him to expunge those from the proceedings of the House.

He termed the remarks of Education Minister ASHK Sadique as "fabricated" of Post and Telecommunication Minister Mohammad Nasim, as "discourteous", and of Sheikh Fazlul Karim Selim MP as "acrimonious".

The letter to the Speaker of Prof. Ahmed, who had tendered his resignation as VC on August 24 amidst violence on the DU campus, was made available to the Press on Wednesday.

"I was compelled to quit as it had become impossible for me to play an effective role as Vice-Chancellor", he said while explaining the reasons of his resignation to the Speaker.

"Mr. Speaker, in my resignation letter, I did not make any complaint. Whatever complaint is there is against me, against my inability. I have failed to run the university in the present situation", said Prof. Ahmed.

Describing the statement of the Education Minister as "regrettable", he demanded that the Speaker read

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out his resignation letter in the
House to apprise the nation of the
facts.

Prof. Ahmed claimed that during his tenure as VC from November 1992 the university was not closed for acts of terrorism even for a single day.

He, however, admitted that six students were killed during his tenure. Three of them were killed in intra-party clash of Chhatra League (S-P), two due to internal conflict of Chhatra Dal and another in a clash between BCL (S-P) and BCL (K-C).

Prof. Ahmed said the Education Minister had spoken of the incident in which Prof. Abdul Mannan Chowdhury and Dr. Arefin Siddique were assaulted, but he did not mention ransacking of the room of Prof. Ershadul Bari that led to the incident of assault.

He charged the Post and Telecommunication Minister with threatening him and scandalising his personal life on the basis of untrue information.

Prof. Ahmed alleged that the Education Minister had interfered in his appointing provosts of different residential halls. "As per Dhaka University Ordinance 1973, the Vice Chancellor has the authority to appoint the provosts".

He mentioned various academic achievements and infrastructural development during his four-year tenure. A congenial academic atmosphere was restored and session jam reduced in the university during this period, he added.