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Report on changes in administration baseless : DU

Dhaka University administration in a Statement on Tuesday described the allegations of politicisation of the university published in some newspapers as baseless and fully incorrect, reports BSS.

The statement said the newspapers' allegations were made centring the coming elections of 35 teachers of the university to its Senate.

In this regard, the university administration said that no changes were brought in the previous university administration excepting the replacement of the Vice-Chancellor. All other officials of the university were functioning in their respective positions, the statement said.

The Chancellor and the two syndicate members nominated a five-member Selection Board for appointing professors and assistant professors.

The statement said a teacher of the university lodged a case in the High Court that the Selection Board has been politicised and as such the court stayed the activities of the Selection Board. Primarily but following an appeal from the University authorities the High Court withdrew its stay order temporarily.

The statement said three teachers had been appointed on an adhoc basis during the tenure of the present Vice-chancellor and the procedure of the appointment of two of the teachers began before the assumption of office of the present Vice-chancellor.

The Vice-Chancellor appointed the teachers on the basis of recommendation of the C

and D Committee and Board of Governors of Food and Nutrition Institute and the Institute of Education and Research (IER).

On the other hand, Dr Harun-or-Rashid Khan of Soil Science, was appointed on the basis of the recommendations of the C and D Committee and Dean of the concerned faculty.

He was earlier selected for the post and went abroad for higher studies. He was a brilliant student and all through he got first class. He has a number of publications including 'Monobasu' and 'Ham-Bolt' fellowship, it added.

The statement also said that the appointment procedure of a lecturer in the department of Islamic History and Culture was completed during the time of previous Vice-Chancellor.

Only, the decision of the Selection Board was approved by the Syndicate recently. When the allegations against the teacher were brought to the notice of the authorities the Vice-chancellor instructed the authorities to take necessary action against the lecturer. The authorities also issued a show-cause notice on an officer of the Controller's Office for his alleged involvement in publishing the result of the lecturer, the statement added.