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## DU appoints chairman of 2 new departments

Dr. AKM Nur-Un-Nabi, Proctor of Dhaka University, and Dr. Kazi Nurul Islam have been appointed chairman of the newly introduced Population Sciences and Comparative Religion departments of the university, reports UNB.

Prof Nur-Un-Nabi of Sociology Department took over the charge of the Population Sciences Department on Wednesday and he will act as its project coordinator.

Prof Kazi Nurul Islam, chairman of Philosophy Department and director of Govinda Dev Philosophical Research Centre, also took over as chairman of the new department.

Earlier, Academic Council of the university approved proposals to introduce seven departments, including the Population Sciences and Comparative Religion departments, this year under its expansion and modernisation programme.

The five other departments are: Peace and Conflict Resolution, Liberation War and Bangladesh Studies, American Studies, Department of Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, and Banking and Insurance Department.

The DU Academic Council and Syndicate has also decided to introduce Environmental Science, Management Information System (MIS), Microcredit and Poverty Alleviation, Clinical Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Technology, and two faculties—Engineering Faculty and Agriculture Faculties—next year.

Three more honours courses—Health Economics, Clinical Psychology and Fisheries and Aquaculture—were introduced last year.