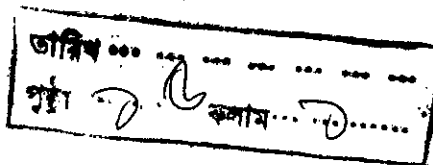


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Durgadas says
**Removal from NU
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Former Vice Chancellor of National University Prof. Durgadas Bhattachariya has said his removal from the university manifests the "communal attitude" of the caretaker government.

"I'm a man from the minority community. Nothing happened in the university in recent days for what I could be removed. It's part of his naked (Chief Adviser) patronisation of fundamentalist forces," Prof Durgadas told UNB over telephone on Monday.

The Caretaker Administration appointed Prof Abdul Momin Chowdhury of Dhaka University as Vice Chancellor of the National University for a four-year term on Sunday, reliving Prof Durgadas Bhattachariya, also from the Dhaka University.

His removal touched off widespread protest among resident students of the Dhaka University's Jagannath Hall of which he (Durgadas) was the Provost prior to joining the NU as VC. The students burnt the effigy of Justice Latifur on Monday.

Prof Durgadas said most of the orders issued by the Education Ministry since taking office by Latifur Rahman were illegal.

The Chief Adviser is not the Chancellor of the university, he said adding, "As per the rules of business, the Head of the Government of the People's Republic of Bangladesh will be the NU Chancellor. But CA is the head of a Caretaker Government, whose duty is to oversee the election."