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New DU VC refutes Azad's claim

The newly appointed Vice Chancellor (VC) of Dhaka University (DU), Prof Dr Anwarullah Chowdhury, on Tuesday refuted the claim of immediate-past VC A K Azad Chowdhury that his appointment was not valid, reports BSS.

The new VC, while exchanging views with journalists at his office, explained the clause 16 of the General Clauses Act, 1897 by dint of which the President and Chancellor of the university relieved Mr Azad Chowdhury of his post.

He said he was appointed VC by the President and Chancellor of DU exercising the power vested in him by the clause 11(2) of the Dhaka University Order: 1973.

He said that his appointment was totally lawful.

He cited some examples about this kind of appointments in the past and said that the VC of Chittagong University Prof Alamgir Mohammad Sirajuddin and VC of Rajshahi University Prof Yusuf Ali were also relieved of under the same procedure.

Prof Anwarullah said the persons, who claimed that the appointment of the new VC was not valid, were opposing the spirit of 1971 defying the constitution of the country.

Replying to a question about outsiders and terrorists in different halls of the university, Prof Anwarullah said that no outsiders and terrorists would be allowed to stay in the halls.

DUTA protests VC's removal

UNB ads: Executive committee of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) at a meeting on Tuesday expressed deep shock and strongly protested the removal of two-time elected Vice Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury.

Removal by invoking a clause contradictory to the University Ordinance, 1973 is condemnable and breach of democratic norms, said a press release issued after the meeting.

DUTA demanded immediate withdrawal of the order, which it termed illegal.

Exams postponed

Another BSS report says: The Dhaka University authorities on Tuesday postponed all the examinations scheduled for November 15 at its Arts Faculty building and Curzon hall centres due to unavoidable circumstances, a DU press release said.