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Remove DU proctor

Demands Chhatra Union

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Accusing the Dhaka University (DU) proctor of lying after failing in his duties centring the sexual assault on some 20 women at the Suhrawardy Udyan gate near Teacher-Student Centre during Pahela Baishakh celebrations, Bangladesh Chhatra Union yesterday demanded that he be removed.

Addressing a press conference at DU's Modhur Canteen, the leftist student organisation said AM Amzad lost the moral ground to continue being a DU teacher, a position revered as society's consciousness.

The organisation President Hasan Tareq, reading a written statement, said Amzad claimed in an April 16 talk show that there were neither eyewitnesses, except the organisation's DU unit President Liton Nondi, nor evidence in CCTV footage.

"This is completely false...Ekattor TV's video footage proves it," he said adding that a DU student who happened to have taken photos stated on his own Facebook page that he had refrained from posting those as per the vice-chancellor's (VC) directives.

Talking to The Daily Star, both Amzad and VC AAMS Arefin Siddique outright rejected the allegations, with the latter finding it "a conspiracy" to destabilise DU.

"A student showed me some pictures...I told him to reveal the photos wherever he liked...The photos that I saw have already been published in the media...After investigation the truth will be revealed," he added.

Pro-VC Nasrin Ahmed, heading a five-member investigation team, said they were yet to start inquiries for it being a weekend. "No one gave us any kind of evidence yet," she added.