

## Students deprive of proper lesson 200 posts of DU teachers lying vacant for long time

About 200 posts of teachers in various faculties and institutes of Dhaka University (DU) have been lying vacant for a long time, compelling the students to compromise with the quality of their higher studies, reports BSS.

Another 200 teachers are on leave for years. Many of them, who had gone abroad for higher degrees, are over-staying without renewing their leave appeals, sources in the registrar's office said on Sunday.

The vacant posts include 35 for professors, 40 for associate professors, 51 for assistant professors and 75 for lecturers.

The sources said about 1,100 teachers against the total approved posts of 1,506 have been regularly taking classes. Of the on-duty teachers, more than 400 have also come attached with various private universities, institutions, non-government organisations (NGOs) and multinational companies as consultants or advisors. So, they are reluctant to attend classes and research-oriented works.

As a result, the students of the university are being deprived of getting proper lessons from the teachers, leading the reputed university, once known as the 'Oxford

of the East', towards a waiting image.

Talking to BSS, many students complained that they are passing through a minimum of 8 to 12-month session jam, as many of the teachers are not performing their duties properly.

Recently, a Chinese organisation made a list of world's best 500 universities where the DU, the premier university of the country, could not get any position.

Many students of the university termed it unfortunate and held the teachers responsible saying it happened as many teachers live abroad and majority of them remain busy with consultancy at private institutions forgetting their main duties.

Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University Prof AFM Yusuf Halder told BSS that they are trying to fill up the vacant posts of the teachers

soon by recruiting new teachers. "As part of our efforts, we have already filled up many posts," he added.

About teachers, who are staying abroad, the pro-VC said those, who have already completed their legal leave periods, have been asked to come back to the university immediately.