

Report

BOU VC Bari removed on graft charges

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Bangladesh Open University (BOU) Vice Chancellor Dr Ershadul Bari was removed yesterday following a University Grants Commission (UGC) report against his irregularities and corruption.

Chief Adviser Fakhruddin Ahmed approved the removal order yesterday, sources said.

A probe committee led by UGC Member Prof Tareq Samsur Rehman held Dr Bari responsible for a series of irregularities and corruption and submitted the primary report to education ministry on Monday.

In the primary report, UGC recommended that the ministry

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remove Dr Bari from the university, UGC sources said.

In the meantime, Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has already started an investigation into Bari's alleged corruption, abuse of power and misconduct, ACC sources said.

A taskforce is scrutinising the allegations against Dr Bari, the sources said adding that the ACC could not take stern action against Dr Bari even after allegations against him were proven due to his close ties with the BNP-Jamaat alliance government.