

Report

UGC team begins probing CU grafts

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CHITTAGONG, Mar 17:-The University Grants Commission (UGC) today started looking into the irregularities and malpractices of Chittagong University bigwigs in hiring faculty members and other staffs during the BNP-Jamaat regime. A five-member team from the UGC arrived here at the university campus this morning. The team headed by Professor Mohammad Sultan Hussain had been retrieving the files and documents of the alleged irregularities till the time of dispatching this report. The team is likely to work on the financial operations and audit objections during their four-day fact-finding mission. Members of the UGC Professor Tareque Shamsur Rahman, Professor Ehsanul Haque, Mohammed Bahalul Haque Chowdhury, acting exam-comptroller of Dhaka University, Mohammed Sultan Uddin Khan, deputy exam-comptroller of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) are the members of the probe team. Although there were rumors of re-examining the much talked about result tempering in the LLB examinations of the university, it could not be confirmed whether the team would look into the sensitive issue specially when it went under trial. High Court Judge Faisal Mahmud Fabeer has filed a writ petition

with the court yesterday challenging the validity of the CU action in cancellation of his LLB certificate. Sources close to the university administration said that the probe committee in their first day of investigation had scrutinized the hiring files of the faculty members and staffs who were appointed by the past and incumbent management. They also interviewed Dean of the Law Faculty Mohammed Zakir Hossain who is one of the claimants of illegal hiring. It is claimed that former Vice-Chancellor of the CU Professor AIM Nuruddin Chowdhury and incumbent Vice-Chancellor professor M Bodiul Alam have appointed more than two hundred faculty members during the past five years. Most of the recruiting has been made without the prior approval of the University Grants Commission that allocates funds for the public universities and considering political grounds. The UGC sources said that several cautionary notes were sent to the registrar of the CU and asked the authority to refrain from unauthorized recruitment. Showing thumb to the UGC's cautionary notes, the CU management had hired 114 faculty members and staffs in the last fiscal and subsequently the UGC did not give allocation for them in the budget.