

### DUTA demands recast of PSC

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Leaders of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) has demanded complete recast of the Public Service Commission and postponement of its activities being carried out by its present authorities, reports UNB.

They also demanded a high-powered judicial probe body to investigate all the irregularities and corruption reportedly took place in the last five years of the BNP-Jamaat alliance regime.

"There had been various allegations in the last five years against the PSC authorities. All the allegations should be investigated fairly and the government should immediately postpone its all activities," DUTA executive committee member Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique told UNB.

Dr Arefin Siddique, also a former DUTA president, said PSC allegations are there against the PSC members of leaking out question papers and appointing unqualified and political candidates by taking bribes.

"How such serious allegations can go uninvestigated? These allegations have destroyed the PSC's image as a constitutional body," Dr Arefin said.

DUTA general secretary Prof Dr Mohammad Anwar Hossain told the news agency that the government should form a high-powered judicial inquiry committee to probe the allegations.

"The corrupt PSC members and officials must be brought to justice through a judicial inquiry. The government needs to remove the incumbent PSC members immediately and start investigation," Dr Anwar said.

Dr Arefin Siddique said those who would be appointed to the reformed PSC must be neutral. (See Page 15 Col. 4)

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"Only better qualified and neutral persons committed to the state can perform constitutional duties. So the PSC chairman, members and officials must be appointed after proper screening," he said.

About quotas for freedom fighters' children, tribal people and women for the PSC jobs, Dr Arefin said such special privileges must be implemented fairly because PSC is an important constitutional body.

On quota for freedom fighters' children for government jobs, he said the freedom fighters had sacrificed a lot for the country's liberation, but they are still suppressed and deprived of their due recognition.

"Freedom fighters didn't get the required care from the state. So the state has introduced the quota system to take care of their children," he said.

Arefin said quota facilities for women and tribal people are equally important to ensure gender and ethnic equalities, and balanced development of the country.