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# Probe body to investigate corruption of 10 varsities

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The second phase of the investigation into the alleged corruption and irregularities in 10 more public universities in the country will begin soon.

A separate investigation committee under the University Grants Commission (UGC) will conduct the investigation as directed by the ministry of education. The allegations included additional appointment, admission of fake students appointment of partisan teachers.

UGC sources said the process in this regard has been completed.

Already the first phase of the investigation began in February last was completed covering seven public universities including Bangladesh Open University (BOU), National University (NU) by the investigation committee of UGC.

The first phase of the investigation found serious financial irregularities and corruption and misuse of allocations of trans-

ports. The investigation committee already found the allegations against Vice-chancellor of Bangladesh Open University (BOU) Prof. Ershadul Bari true.

Recently, the probe committee submitted the report of the first investigation to the education ministry.

Deputy Secretary of the ministry of education Anwara Begum (University-2) in a letter to the UGC last week asked them to

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submit the investigation report on the second phase investigation in next 15 days.

The universities are Dhaka University (DU), Bangladesh Agriculture University (BAU), Jagannath University (JU), Noakhali Science and Technology University, Rajshahi University (RU), Shahjalal Science and Technology University, Islami University (IU), Chittagong University (CU), Haji Danesh University of Science and Technology and Khulna University (KU).

"We will soon start investigation into irregularities these universities and also against other universities," said an UGC source.

Meanwhile, the probe body has detected 33 more fake students under the academic session 2003-04 in the Public Administration department of Dhaka University (DU). The examination committee also detected widespread irregularities in the answer scripts and Tabulation sheets in preparing the results of the department.

Earlier, the probe committee found at least 55 fake students in three departments of Public Administration, International Relations and Economics of the university and now the number of fake students stands at 88 in DU.

The authorities issued show cause notices on the 55 fake students asking them to explain within 15 days why their admission would not be cancelled. So far only one female student answered to the show cause notice.