

RECRUITMENT SCAM NU employees besiege VC to retain job

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Around 100 employees of National University (NU), recruited through a fake advertisement of 2004, besieged the vice-chancellor's (VC) office yesterday in a bid to mount pressure on the university authorities to keep their jobs.

Following yesterday's The Daily Star report revealing the scam, the employees misbehaved with VC Prof Syed Rashidul Hasan for admitting that the advertisement was unauthorised and fake.

Meanwhile, the VC asked the caretaker government to increase his security as he has been receiving threats from unidentified people over telephone.

The employees besieged the VC office from 1:30pm to 3:00pm and

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threatened tougher movements if the authorities took any measures against them.

Yesterday's The Daily Star report said around 1,000 employees of the NU were recruited illegally.

"The Gazipur head office of National University is a tough place where no honest vice chancellors can stay for long. I have already received many threats from unknown people over telephone. I asked the government to provide special security for me," Rashidul told The Daily last evening.

The illegal recruitments were made on political considerations, nepotism and by taking huge bribes from the candidates. It was done while the BNP-led alliance government was in power, especially during the tenure of former VC Prof Aftab Ahmed, NU and University Grants Commission sources said.

Even important posts were awarded through the fake advertisement like the posts of deputy registrar, assistant registrar, network administrator, senior programme officer, maintenance engineers, programme officers, assistant chief medical officer, senior section officer, law officers, assistant programmer, section officer, audit officer, physical instructor, assistant section officer and sub-technical