

## Vicious circle behind illegal admission of students at DU

A 'vicious circle' in connivance with the owners of the coaching centres in the city has allegedly earned huge amount of money by helping students to illegally get admitted at the Dhaka University (DU), reports BSS.

According to the sources, each of the fake student paid the group Taka 25,000 to 1,00,000 for getting admitted into different faculties and institutes of the university.

Abdul Aziz, a fake student of the International Relations department, said I have paid Taka 50,000 to department official Abul Hossain through a teacher of coaching centre in the city.

Zakia Yasmin, another fake student of the same department said I gave Taka 70,000 to a central leader of a so called student organization for illegal admission.

Like Zakia and Aziz many other fake students also paid huge sum of money to the 'vicious circle' which included a section of corrupt officials and leaders of different student organizations to illegally get admitted at the DU, according to the sources.

The Fact Finding Committee on Admission Forgery at DU identified of 210 students as fake so far.

The Syndicate has cancelled admission of the students under different faculties and institutes, said DU Pro Vice-Chancellor Prof AFM Yusuf Haider. The Fact Finding Committee also identified five university officials and eight outsiders in the forgery.

DU Chief Security Officer Kamrul Ahsan filed a case with Shahbagh Police Station on October 6 last year against the university officials and outsiders for their alleged involvement in the forgery.

The accused university officials are Deputy Registrar (Education-2) AKM Mozammel Haque, International Relations Department official Abul Hossain, Chief Assistant of Admission Section BM Ainul Islam, Economics De-

partment Chief Assistant Bimol Chandra Das, and Public Administration Department Chief Assistant Md Yunus.

The outsiders are UNAJD Coaching Centre teacher Golam Mostofa Kiron, Mirpur University College teacher Hafizur Rahman Hafiz, Karuta International consultant Obaidul Kabir Swapan, Md Moin, Nishat Ahmed, Sazzadur Rahman Lipon and Jewel Rosario.

Sources said, out of the 210 fake students, highest 92 managed admission to the Department of International Relations, 69 to the Department of Public Administration, 25 to the Department of Economics, nine to the Department of Political Science, seven to the Department of Management Studies, four to the Institute of Social Welfare and Research, three to the Department of Mathematics, three to the Department of Applied Chemistry, two to the Department of Geography and Environment, two to the Department of Botany, one each to the Departments of Library and Information Science and Chemistry.

Sources said, a number of suspected fake students have meanwhile secured court orders to attend their classes and seat for examinations.

A total of 67 suspected fake students have been filed writs with the High Court, of which, 42 suspected students of International Relations Department filed 38

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writs, 19 suspected fake students of Public Administration department filed 12 writs, four suspected Economics department students filed four writs while two suspected fake students of the Institute of Social Welfare and Research filed two writs.

Prof AFM Yusuf Haider, who heads the committee said, DU authorities have appointed two attorneys Barrister Halim Chaklader and Dr Noyem Ahmed to look into the legal aspects of the admission forgery.