

QUESTION PAPER LEAKAGE AT DU

Probe body yet to identify those involved

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Even after six months of the incident of question leakage of Political Science department at Dhaka University (DU), the investigation committee could not identify anyone involved in leakage process clearly.

The DU authorities postponed an MSS examination of 2005 on the comprehensive course under the department on December 29, 2007 after it had emerged that most of the questions were leaked.

On the same day, the authorities formed a three-member probe committee headed by Social Science faculty dean to investigate the incident.

The committee submitted its final report to the Syndicate, the highest decision making body of the university, on June 17, indicating involvement of the department's examination committee in the leakage process.

In the final report, the committee described that the examination control office was involved in the leakage process and so, we

thought, there might have been an involvement of the examination committee," said Prof Laila Nur, a member of the probe committee.

Chairman of the department Prof Abdul Wadud Bhuiyan, Prof M Ataur Rahman, Prof AHM Aminur Rahman and an external teacher were the members in the examination committee.

Of them, Prof Bhuiyan and Prof Rahman were permanently relieved of all examination-related activities at the university for their alleged involvement in the '52 first class controversy' in 2001-02 academic session of the department.

Later, they involved themselves in the examination committee after bringing injunctions from the court.

The Syndicate on the same day sent back the probe report to the committee seeking clarification of the some points, including specific names of involved persons, asking to submit it within seven days.

However, the committee did not submit the report in the last

three weeks.

Prof Nur added told The Daily Star, "As the job is really difficult and we are not professional investigators, it's taking time. We are trying to clear the weak points in the report. We hope we would be able to submit it soon."

In response to students' demand, the Syndicate also recommended to the concern authorities to take all steps in order to re-examine the answer scripts of the examination by other examiners.

An academic committee meeting of the department will be held today to take a decision on re-examining the answer scripts.

Meanwhile, the committee has sent letters to some students of the department urging them to appear at the interview for the second time.

Earlier on January 23, the committee submitted its primary report to the Syndicate which also indicated the exam committee's involvement in the leakage process.