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ADMISSION RULES

DU to appeal against HC verdict

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Dhaka University authorities yesterday decided to appeal in the Supreme Court (SC) against a High Court verdict that declared admission rules in seven departments illegal as the rules disqualify madrasa students from their admissions.

The decision was taken at a deans' committee meeting of the university with DU Vice Chancellor Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique in the chair.

The HC on Tuesday declared admission rules applied for freshmen admission to the departments of Economics,

English, Bangla, Mass Communication and Journalism, International Relations, Women and Gender Studies and Linguistics which make a bar to the admissions of Aleem graduates.

"The deans' committee has decided to appeal in the SC against the High Court verdict in a bid to maintain the academic freedom and university's autonomy," DU VC Prof Arefin told The Daily Star last night.

He also said they are going to file the appeal by next week.

The HC verdict came following a writ petition filed by five DU admission seekers.