



Quest for a VC

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Ruling BNP-Jamaat coalition is now looking for a charismatic Vice Chancellor for the Dhaka University following the exit of Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury, in the face of massive student upsurge.

Since the last-week's Dhaka University incidents caused enough embarrassment to the government; it is seriously searching for a like-minded VC, who would be capable to run the country's premier university smoothly.

Campus sources said the stalwarts of the ruling coalition supported White Panel are now in a mad rush to prove their loyalty to the government.

During the last week's DU turmoil a faction of the White Panel teachers were preparing to put up their candidate as the next VC, sources said.

From a probable list of choices, names of Prof SMA Fayeze, Prof

Wakil Ahmed, Prof Asaduzzaman and the acting VC Prof AFM Yousuf Haider are now being discussed among the teachers.

Pressure groups in the ruling party are lobbying in favour of their candidates.

According to some White Panel teachers, Prof SMA Fayeze is leading the race for the next vice-chancellor, of the university as he served in many posts of the university earlier.

But his antagonists say Prof Fayeze did not serve the party's cause when he was the chairman of the Public Service Commission (PSC) during the previous regime of BNP.

Prof Asaduzzaman is famous for his popularity and he was elected Dean of Social Sciences for the fifth consecutive term.

Acting VC Prof AFM Yousuf Haider is also another popular name. He was elected President of Dhaka University Teachers' As-

sociation (DUTA) for three terms. But some leaders of BNP and its student wing have reservations about him, JCD sources said.

The DU deadlock will cost the students at least six months of session jam and only one person - the immediate past VC - was responsible for creating such a situation, said a White Panel stalwart.

The sooner a capable VC would be appointed, the better the university is set to get out of the crisis, he added.