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QUESTION LEAK AT DU POLITICAL SCIENCE DEPTT Body to probe allegations against three teachers

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Dhaka University (DU) syndicate, last night formed a five-member enquiry committee to investigate the allegations against three teachers that they leaked questions of an examination in the political science department.

The committee is headed by university Treasurer Prof Syed Abul Kalam Azad. Other members of the committee are syndicate members Sadek Khan, Assistant Prof Rahmat Ullah, law faculty dean Prof Borhan Uddin Khan and a representative of the accused teachers.

The syndicate, the highest-decision making body of the university, asked the authorities concerned to relieve the accused teachers of all examination-related activities in the department.

When contacted late last night, Prof Azad told The Daily Star that they would investigate the allegations brought by the fact-finding committee and recommend punitive action if the charges are proved.

Vice-Chancellor Prof SMA Faiz said the committee has been formed on the basis of a report of a fact-finding committee and a letter from lawyer Dr Nayeem Ahmed.

The authorities postponed the exam, held on

December 29 in 2007, as most of the questions were leaked.

Earlier, a report of the fact-finding committee placed before the syndicate on November 27 last year accused Prof Ataur Rahman, Prof Wadud Bhuiyan and Prof AHM Aminur Rahman of leaking questions of an MSS (master of social science) examination under session 2004-05.

The syndicate sent the report to Dr Nayeem Ahmed to know whether it is possible to frame any charge against the accused teachers on the basis of the report and if possible, then what charge can be framed.

Prof Sadeka Halim, a syndicate member, told The Daily Star that Dr Nayeem in his report said that he agreed with the fact-finding committee report that the questions were not leaked from the DU examination controller's office and that internal examination committee of the department, somehow, might have leaked it.

Prof Ataur, Prof Wadud and Prof Aminur were on the department's examination committee.

DU authorities, in the meantime, have relieved the three professors of all examination-related activities in the department.