

Fake admissions in DU

67 students file writ petitions in SC

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The students of Dhaka University (DU) who had filed writ petitions with the Supreme Court (SC) for withdrawing the order of canceling their admission expressed the hope that they would ultimately win.

The students failed to show any documents against the show cause notice issued by the

authorities. In the show cause notice they were asked to prove that their admission process was fair and legal.

A total of 67 students of different department and institutes, who lost their studentships from the university, filed a total of 56 writ petitions with the high court division of SC. They are now at-

tending classes regularly claiming their admissions in the university as legal.

Of the total, 42 students of International Relation (IR) Department filed 38 writs, 19 students of Public Administration filed 12 writs, 4 students of Economics filed 4 writs. The rest of the stu-
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students of Social Welfare and Research Institute filed 2 writs.

The DU syndicate, the highest decision making body had so far cancelled the admission of 201 students who got admission in the university through fraudulent means. The syndicate also suspended five officials and employees of the university on charge of their involvement with the process.

Of the total, 89 of International Relations (IR) Department, 66 of Public Administration, 24 of Economics, 7 of Management Studies, 4 of Social Welfare and Research Institute, 3 each of Applied Physics and Mathematics, 2 of Botany and one each of Political Science, Information Science and Library Management and Chemistry.

The university authorities have appointed Dr. Nayeem Ahmed and an additional lawyer Barrister Abdul Halim Chakladar to conduct the writ petition cases. The authorities handed over 29 cases to Abdul Halim and the rest 27 to Dr. Nayeem.

Abdul Halim Chakladar said the applications of the students should be rejected. They failed to show any legal evidence in favor of their admission.

On condition of anonymity, a student said he filed the writ petition at first. "My registration

number, admission order copy and freedom-fighter certificate are legal," he said. Why the admission is tainted as illegal? He questioned.

Dr. Nayeem Ahmed said they scrutinised the papers of the students but did not find favorable evidence for their admission process. The cases should be dismissed as soon as possible, he further said.

No date of hearing has been fixed.

The fact-finding committee in its recent meeting had detected more 10 students who were enrolled in the university illegally. It found that four university officials were involved in fraudulent practice. As per the 10th report, the committee will issue show cause notice to the students and will ask two female students to submit the original freedom-fighter certificates of their guardian.

Head of the fact-finding committee Prof. AFM Yusuf Haider said the admission of the students is illegal. They are not students of the university.

Prof. Yusuf also the Pro-Vice-chancellor of the university said they would issue show cause notice to the students soon who had recently been identified as fakes. "We will continue our legal battle against the students," he maintained.