

Emergency violating case

Three DU teachers acquitted of charges

A court in Dhaka on Tuesday acquitted three senior teachers of Dhaka University of the charges of violating the state of emergency in 2007 during the tenure of the caretaker government, reports BSS.

Judge of the additional metropolitan sessions court M Abul Baser acquitted Professor Sadrul Amin, Professor Harun-ur-Rashid and Professor Anwar Hossain of the charges brought against them, nullifying the verdict of a metropolitan magistrate's court.

The magistrate's court awarded the teachers two

years imprisonment on January 22 for violating the state of emergency.

On August 23, 2008, a police officer of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) lodged a case with Shahbag thana in the city.

After investigation, a chargesheet was submitted on September 9, 2008 to the court accusing four teachers and 15 students of violating the state of emergency.

However, the trial court acquitted a teacher and the students of the charges.

A day after pronouncement of the judgement, the then President Professor Dr.

Iajuddin Ahmed declared clemency to the three convicted teachers applying his constitutional authority.

But, the convicts expressed their unwillingness to accept President's clemency and

decided to face the court's decision through legal battle.

On February 25, 2008, after obtaining bail they filed appeal against the magistrate court's verdict.

After hearing appeal prayers, the additional sessions court on Tuesday acquitted them of the charges nullifying the magistrate's court's decision.