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AUW INVESTIGATION III Acting VC dismissed from ADB

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THE acting vice-chancellor of the Chittagong-based Asian University for Women was dismissed from his previous job as a senior lawyer at the Asian Development Bank for 'misappropriating' funds, placing the international donor's reputation at risk' and for creating 'conflicts of interest.'

The findings against Kamal Ahmad who is also a

trustee of the university and chief executive and president of its US-based support foundation, are set out in an August 2007 ruling of the bank's administrative tribunal.

The Asian Development Bank's three-man tribunal - which is an external mechanism to review personnel decisions by the management of the bank - found that Kamal, who had worked at the bank since 2003 in its

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Office of the General Counsel using a different first name, Mukhtadir - had undertaken 'a series of prohibited actions' which were described in the ruling as 'deliberate.'

It also found that at one point in making his defence to the tribunal, Kamal 'did not tell the truth.'

However, it is clear from the tribunal ruling that none of Kamal's 'prohibited' conduct while employed at the bank was aimed to extend the project or to extend the project's life.

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two US law firms, is currently in negotiations with the World Bank for a \$30 million grant for the university.

The university, which aims to provide a world-class, standard liberal arts university education for Asian women, was formally established in 2006 through the parliamentary enactment in Bangladesh of a special legal charter.

The allegations against Kamal at the ADB, set out in the August 2007 ruling, include that he had arranged to leave his current job and

man Rights Committee, and Claude Wantiez, a Belgian labour lawyer with 35 years of experience, looked at each of the charges made against Kamal for which he had been held responsible.

It first looked at Kamal's failure to disclose to the ADB that he had tried to obtain funds from the bank for the AUW support foundation, at the same time that he had already arranged to leave his current job and

matic pouch service.

The tribunal then considered the charge that Kamal worked extensively on AUW matters during ADB working hours.

The ruling set out that in a four-month period at the ADB, he had sent or received 5,900 e-mails relating to the university; in a nine-month period, he had made 437 outgoing international phone calls relating to personal or AUW matters.

The plaintiff has alleged that the OC passed her name to the police station forcefully, he added. cops took her to the police house hearing her shout, the When neighbours went to the and tried to rape her, he said. national Airport awaits a final government approval of Tk 40 crore provided it gets the approval of the Executive Committee of the Bangladesh Airlines, officials said.

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They said Bangladesh Petroleum Corporation was and cargo-aircraft would be facilitated for refuelling. unlikely to be entrusted with the responsibility of implementing the project at a cost of Tk 40 crore provided it gets the approval of the Executive Committee of the Bangladesh Airlines, officials said.

Shahjalal Airport to be fuelling hub of foreign airlines: officials

Islam Alami, at a press rally in the city in 2004. Raknul said Tanque was his name in connection with the grenade attack.