

DU appoints fresh director for leather instt amid student demo

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STUDENTS' protests forced the Dhaka University authorities on Saturday afternoon to appoint a director for the Bangladesh Institute of Leather Technology for the first time after one year of the integration of the institute with the university.

The university had appointed professor Rezaul Karim Mazumder, currently holds the post of engineering and technology faculty dean, as the director of the BILT, confirmed DU proctor M Amzad Ali.

He also said that the decision was made at a meeting joined by the university vice-chancellor AAMS Arefin Siddique, proctor M Amzad Ali, engineering and technology dean Rezaul Karim Mazumder and representatives of the students of the institute at the Nabab Nawab Ali Chowdhury Senate Building, said Amzad Ali.

He further said that Rezaul Karim had been appointed 'temporarily' as the director and soon a permanent recruitment for the post would be carried on.

Other demands raised by the students would also be materialised one after another, he added.

In this regard, a meeting would be held with the institute and the university authorities today, he added.

Earlier in the morning, students of the institute padlocked the university and confined their principal in his office at Hazaribagh in the capital, demanding academic activities under Dhaka University and appointment of a director.

Several hundreds students of the institute started the demonstration at about 9:30pm and padlocked the institute offices and confined the principal, teachers and employees inside.

The students withdrew

the demonstrations at about 3:30pm after the university administration had confirmed the appointment of the director.

Zobayda Rokhsana Roshia of batch 30 said 120 students of the batch were admitted in the institute on December 2011 throw a test for admissions.

She complained that they did not get their identity card, library card, and hostel facilities yet.

She complained that that the authorities hung back to appoint a director after one year of the institute's integration to the university.

As the institute's activities had not started properly, just some part-timers had been taking classes and exams, she added.

Another student of the batch Muktar Alam said he had been allotted a seat in Fazlul Huq Muslim Hall but he could not reside there as he did not get the identity card from his institute.