

## IU teacher suspended for alleged sexual harassment

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THE Islamic University authorities have suspended Md Asadujjaman, an assistant proctor and a teacher at the university's finance and banking department, on charge of sexually harassing a female student.

According to IU official sources, a female student of the finance and banking department in a written complaint submitted to the IU vice-chancellor, M Alauddin, at around 1:30pm on January 16 alleged that Md Asadujjaman had tried to harass her sexually in his office room earlier in the day. In the complaint, she said while she was sitting a

semester final examination, Asadujjaman seized her scale-box, asked her to see him in his office, and then left the examination hall. She said after she had entered his room, the teacher looked at her in a bad way and tried to touch her up.

Based on the complaint, the IU authorities suspended Md Asadujjaman on Thursday night and formed a five-member committee headed by Nasim Banu, an associate professor at the IU politics and public administration department, to probe into the incident, the sources said.

Asadujjaman, however, denied the allegation and claimed to New Age on Friday that the complainant had

been sending various kinds of text messages to his mobile phone for a long time and that he had the messages saved in his mobile phone set.

He said suspending him without serving him any show-cause notice was unfair. He also alleged that a group of teachers were using the girl to spoil his reputation.

The IU VC, M Alauddin, told New Age that they had suspended the accused teacher after receiving the complaint and formed a five-member committee to probe into the allegation, and any further steps would be taken based on the probe report.

The complainant could not be reached for her comments.