

SEXUAL HARASSMENT

RU teacher punished

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THE Rajshahi University syndicate has taken punitive measures against a newly recruited teacher of marketing on charge of sexually harassing a girl student.

The syndicate at a meeting has decided that the teacher Zulfikarul Amin would not be assigned any task that might involve the victim, he would not be involved in examination related tasks or be given any administrative position for three years and he would not be allowed to supervise internship and research of any girl students of the department for five years.

The syndicate held the meeting on April 22 after examining the report of the committee set up to investigate the incident.

A marketing student of master's course on September 29, 2011 filed a complaint with the department chair-

man alleging that Zulfikarul had sexually harassed her when she went to the office of the teacher for recommendation. The teacher was her supervisor.

Tanjima Yasmin, convener of the university committee against sexual harassment, in October 2011 said that the authorities had set up the committee to investigate the incident on a memorandum submitted by Elina Khan, director of the Human Rights Foundation, seeking an investigation after the incident had been reported in national daily newspapers on October 5, 2011.

Tanjima said that the committee had submitted the investigation report in April.

The acting registrar MA Bari, meanwhile, said that they were yet to get the notification. The decision will be implemented after they receive the notification, he said.