

RU white panel teachers to boycott 8th convocation

Blame VC for gross irregularities, want removal

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THE teachers' group of Rajshahi University supporting BNP and Jamaat-e-Islami may boycott tomorrow's programmes for the institution's 8th convocation, alleging that the authorities, led by the chancellor, Abdus Sobhan, are 'politicising' the ceremony.

Identifying themselves as belonging to the 'White panel,' a group conventionally known for their support to BNP-Jamaat, the teachers at a press conference accused VC Abdus Sobhan of 'politicising' the convocation and demanded his immediate removal.

Professor Muhammad Azhar Ali, convener of RU 'White' panel, read out a paper at the briefing held at the Zuberi House on the campus, bringing around 25

allegations of administrative and academic irregularities against Abdus Sobhan.

The paper also accused the VC of putting exclusively the teachers supporting the Awami League into the convocation organising committees.

Azhar said VC Abdus Sobhan 'turned the university into a political organisation' by appointing teachers supporting the ruling AL to the key posts such as proctor, provosts, students' advisers and directors of different institutes.

To make his chosen appointments the VC forced to leave those who were already holding the posts, the White panel convener added.

He also said the appointments violated the University Grants Commission order that came in 2011, asking

the RU authorities not to recruit any more teachers or other staff until further order.

The over-staffing has eased the university Tk 50 crore deficit in budget in last four years since Abdus Sobhan took office in 2009, Azhar Ali said.

The White panel teachers also castigated the incumbent VC for his failure to take action against those responsible for the death of four students' allegedly in the hands of Bangladesh Chhatra League men during his tenure.

Having called Abdus Sobhan 'an unelected, immoral, corrupt and dishonest vice-chancellor,' they said he does not have the right to hold such a position demanding high moral standard.

Having also demanded

judicial investigation into the alleged irregularities of the present university administration, the White panel teachers asked for an immediate senate session to select a VC panel to make a new appointment to the institution's topmost office.

They threatened tougher movement if their demands remained unheeded.

The conference was attended, along others, by RU unit Nationalist Teachers Forum president Afraz-zaman, Islamic University former VC Rafiqul Islam, RU former VC Mamunul Keramat, Open University former VC M Abdur Razzak, science faculty former dean Abul Hashem, Shahedur Rahman Chowdhury, arts faculty dean Abdul Hai Talukdar and RU former proctor Anamul Haque.