

Prof Arefin Siddique becomes elected VC of DU

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Prof AAMS Arefin Siddique of mass communication and journalism department was appointed as the elected vice-chancellor of Dhaka University yesterday.

"According to the Dhaka University Ordinance 1973, the chancellor, now President Abdul Hamid, appoints Prof Arefin as the VC for the tenure of four years," said a DU press release.

The Dhaka University senate in a special session, amid boycott by pro-BNP-Jamaat White Panel teachers' representatives, on Saturday nominated a panel of three teachers for the vice-chancellor post.

The other two nominated persons were pro-VC (education) Nasreen Ahmad and pro-VC (administration) Shahid Akhtar Hossain.

On January 17, 2009, Prof Arefin, on a temporary appointment, assumed the office as the 27th VC.

He was born in Dhaka on October 26 in 1953. He obtained his Master's from the journalism department of DU in 1975 and gained a PhD on televised teaching from the University of Mysore of India in 1985.

He joined the department of DU in 1980. He served as the president and general secretary of Dhaka University Teachers' Association.

Dr Arefin also served as the acting dean of social science faculty, chairman of the journalism department and as a member of the senate and the syndicate.

He also served as the chairman of Bangladesh Sangbad Sangstha, and a member of the management board of Press Institute of Bangladesh.