

**Cheque forgery**  
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**asked to submit**  
**statement of their**  
**property**

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Dhaka University Syndicate asked seven top officials of Dhaka University, including its Chief Engineer and Director of Accounts to submit the statements of their property for their alleged involvement in a cheque forgery, involving over Tk 58 lakh.

A probe committee, headed by Pro-VC Dr AFM Yusuf Haider, was formed nearly two years ago to investigate the cheque forgery in the university's Sonali Bank branch in 2003. It recommended the Syndicate to take immediate steps against the suspects.

The officials, including Chief Engineer Amir Hossain and Director of Accounts M Shahjahan Ali Sheikh, were primarily found guilty of corruption as their signatures were found in the cheque. However, the accused claimed themselves innocent.

But the syndicate exempted Prof. Syed Rashidul Hasan, Treasure of the university from the list describing him as "an honourable personality of the institution" even though his signature was found in the forged cheque, concerned sources said.

When asked the DU Vice-Chancellor recognised that the  
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syndicate has taken a move in this regard and said, "Yes we have directed the suspected officials to submit the statements of their property."

The probe committee also recommended the Syndicate to ask the Sonali Bank to immediately refund the siphoned money and the bank has already refunded half of the total amount in the first phase as it is bound to do so as per law, the sources said.

DU Treasurer Syed Rashidul Hasan said Sonali Bank authorities have also formed an inquiry committee to investigate the incident and they admitted that they are responsible for this.

The probe committee, which interviewed 40 officials and employees of the university, submitted its report to the authorities. Signatures and handwritings of the suspected officials were examined by a group of specialists.