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They sell false degrees: UGC Students asked not to take admission into illegal instts

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The University Grants Commission (UGC) has asked the students not to be take admission into the private universities which are operating without obtaining permission either from the government or the UGC.

There are widespread allegations of offering false degrees by 56 institutes which claim to be the offshore campuses of reputable universities of different countries.

The students are being cheated

as these institutes have no permission either from the education ministry or from the foreign universities. I called upon the students and their guardians not to go to these dubious institutes, said Prof. Nazrul Islam, Chairman of UGC.

Referring to about 25,000 students who are pursuing studies in these institutes, he said that any government offices in Bangladesh

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would not consider their degrees valid. "We will have nothing to say if any private organisations recruit the graduates from these institutes," he said.

Meanwhile, the administration has decided to close down over 100 outer campuses set up by a number of private universities in different parts of the country.

It has also decided that all the outer campuses set up and run for the last few years will be closed down as they have been selling certificates in the name of providing higher education.

According to sources, a task force will be formed under the supervision of education ministry to ensure closure of outer campuses of these universities.

The UGC which is the regulatory body of the country's public and private universities has recently published a list of 56 such illegal universities offering so-called higher degrees for more than a decade.

Sources said, 18 more such institutes have been identified and they will also be declared illegal.

To mention, earlier on May, the UGC rejected the applications for launching 53 more private universities. It decided not to approve any more private university in Dhaka city which is already overcrowded.