

HC stays operation of CU gazette notification cancelling Faizee's LLB certificate

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The High Court on Monday stayed operation of the gazette notification of Chittagong University canceling LLB certificate of Justice Faisal Mahmud Faizee for tampering with his exam results, reports UNB.

Passing the stay order, the High Court issued rule upon the Chittagong University authorities to explain why their action in can-

celing the certificate of Faizee, a controversial judge of the High Court, should not be declared "illegal".

Making the rule returnable within two weeks, the court asked the varsity authorities to produce the tabulation sheet of Faizee's examination marks during the next hearing.

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The court order came following a writ petition filed by Justice Faizee challenging legality of the Chittagong University action against him.

Faizee in his writ petition challenged the validity of the CU extraordinary syndicate meeting's decision that cancelled his LLB certificate, along with a big lot of others, for "tampering" with his examination results and subsequent gazette notification in this regard.

On March 3, the CU Syndicate, the decision-making body, in a special meeting, after browsing its inquiry-committee reports, decided to scrap the large number of certificates.

On March 11, the CU Controller of Examinations published a gazette notification canceling 50 LLB certificates, including that of Faizee, after the Syndicate had approved the inquiry reports.

In 1989, Faizee sat for the LLB examination from Chittagong Law College affiliated to the University of Chittagong.

Following the CU Syndicate decision, Justice Faizee abstained from judicial function and went on leave.

On August 23 in 2004, Faizee, along with 18 persons, was appointed judges of the High Court by the BNP-led four-party alliance government. The appointments had evoked resentment among the lawyers of the Supreme Court Bar at the time, as they complained of "political considerations".

After nine weeks of his appointment as judge, a newspaper report leaked out the LLB certificate of Faizee as 'fake' that triggered widespread criticism among the lawyers. Ultimately, the SCBA started boycott of his court until he resigns.