



208 teachers concerned over corruption charge against Minister

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Two hundred eight teachers of different universities expressed deep concern at the corruption charges brought by the Danish Under-Secretary against Shipping Minister Akbar Hossain and said that such unprecedented incident had severely tarnished the country's image.

In a joint statement on Tuesday they described the incident as unprecedented and contrary to diplomatic courtesy and said the shipping minister should resign to save the country's image as well as to ensure fair investigation.

They said the Danish Under-Secretary had brought the corruption charges against Akbar Hossain at a time when violence, killing, minority repression, political repression and torture in police custody had put the country's image in question. The corruption charges and the withdrawal of the financial assistance of Taka 264 crore had severely shattered the country's reputation nationally and internationally, they added.

They said this government came to power with a promise to curb corruption but the ministers were getting involved in corruption.

Signatories to the statement include AK Azad Chowdhury, Prof. Shahadat Ali, Prof. Mostafa Chowdhury, Dr. AAMS Arefin Siddique, Kazi Shahidullah, Prof. Mesbah Uddin Ahmed, Harun-or-Rashid, Sheikh Abdus Salam, Khandaker Ashraf Hossain, Rafiqullah Khan, Dr. Mohammad Samad and Tofail Ahmed Chowdhury.