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UGC cautions students against enrolment at 'troubled' pvt univs

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THE University Grants Commission on Friday cautioned students against enrolment at private universities which set up illegal outer campuses, are tangled in dispute over ownership and in operation on court orders after being disapproved by the commission.

The commission published advertisements at several daily newspapers cautioning students and guardians not to get enrolled in the troubled universities, Jesmin Parvin, deputy director (private universities) of the UGC said on Friday.

She said that all infor-

mation regarding troubled private universities will be uploaded at UGC website on Sunday.

The commission, the supervising body of higher education in Bangladesh, issued the caution when over a million students who passed Higher Secondary Certificate examination were waiting to enrol at higher educational institutions.

'If a student gets enrolled to unapproved universities or illegal outer campuses of approved universities, UGC or Ministry of Education would not take the responsibility of them,' said the public notice.

Students should get infor-

mation regarding approved universities and campuses and courses at the UGC website, the notice added.

UGC said that America Bangladesh University and Queens University are operating on court orders after being banned by the government. America Bangladesh University is running 16 illegal outer campuses across the country.

IBAIS University is running unauthorised campus under court's stay order and also its Board of trustees are divided into factions.

Five universities—BGC Trust University Bangladesh, University of Science and Technology, University of Information Technology

and Sciences, Southern University Bangladesh and Prime University—are running illegal campuses.

The education ministry and the commission had banned academic activities on outer campuses in 2007 and in the current month government had shut down all campuses of Darul Ihsan University.

IBAIS University, Queens University, Sylhet International University and Britannia University were facing disputes over ownership.

UGC has taken the step to make students aware of these illegal universities before they take decision to enroll there, Jesmin added.