

GULSHAN, SHOLAKIA ATTACKS UGC team visits NSU

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A DELEGATION of the University Grants Commission visited North South University campus on Thursday to inquire about the allegation of 'involvement of its students and teachers in violent extremism'.

During the visit the delegation talked to NSU top management, faculty members as well as students, said a UGC top official.

The delegation also included commission members M. Shah Nowaz Ali and Dil Afroza Begum, the top official added.

The vice-chancellor of the North South University— the first private university in the country— professor Atiqul Islam said that they would extend their all out help to the authorities concerned to curb extremist activities.

'The UGC visited the university as part of an ongoing investigation,' said Omar Faruk, NSU deputy director for public relations.

The UGC team made the visit after allegations of terror link against some teachers and students of North South University came to surface.

Some former and incumbent students of the private universities including North South University were found involved in recent terror attacks in Dhaka and Kishoreganj that rocked the country.

The attack at a Gulshan

restaurant left 22 people including 17 foreigners and two police officers killed on July 1. At least five suspected gunmen were killed in an army-led operation that brought the hostage incident to an end in the following morning.

Just within a week of the Gulshan attack, another attack on the police post near the country's biggest Eid congregation at Sholakia in Kishoreganj killed four people, including two cops, on July 7.

Two of the five attackers who were killed in Gulshan mayhem were students of private universities. One of the attackers of the Sholakia incident was also a private university student. Three of the Gulshan attackers are from wealthy families and had studied at top and expensive English medium schools.

Seven of the eight people convicted of the February 2013 murder of blogger Ahmed Rajib Haider were private university students.

Against the backdrop of recent terror attacks, North South University made a decision on July 10 to expel those who would remain absent for an entire semester.

Education minister Nurul Islam Nahid on Tuesday at a meeting with top officials of the University Grants Commission said that the government was closely watching happenings at the NSU.