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DU 'Gha' unit test to be held again

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A file photo of Dhaka University admission test inside Curzon Hall.

Dhaka University authorities on Tuesday decided to hold again the controversial 'Gha' unit entrance test of those who came out successful as the university now admitted the question was leaked.

'A deans' committee meeting this noon decided to hold again the test of those who passed the Gha unit admission test as controversies have arisen,' DU vice-chancellor Professor Akhtaruzzaman.

He said that 'Gha' unit admission test would be held again for the 18,463 students who came out successful in the controversial October 12 admission test and the deans' committee would fix a convenient date and would inform the media.

The university authorities on Monday reassigned a probe body to investigate the alleged question paper leaks.

The authorities backtracked on their previous decision in the wake of protest from current and former students, left student bodies, Bangladesh General Students' Rights Protection Council, platform which spearheads quota reform movement, Chhatra League, Chhatra Dal and others.

Earlier, a law department student of the university, Akhtar Hossen, also held solitary hunger strike for consecutive two days demanding cancelation of the exam.

Terming it partial victory of the students, Progressive Students Alliance on Tuesday afternoon in a press conference demanded that the test not be held under the same committee, which failed to check question leak.

They also demanded resignation of Sadeka Halim, dean of social science faculty, also chief coordinator of the controversial intake test and punishment of the culpable persons involved in question leak.

Earlier in the morning, the university unit Bangladesh Chhatra League brought out a silent protest procession and submitted a memorandum to the vice-chancellor demanding re-admission test of Gha unit.

Bangladesh General Students' Rights Protection Council also brought out a protest rally and threatened to shut down all the departments on Wednesday if the authorities did not meet their demands by Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Bangladesh Chhatra League activists allegedly attacked the quota reform leaders soon after their protest rally in front of university's Milon Chattar area.

Hasan Al Mamun, convener of Bangladesh General Students' Rights Protection Council alleged that Chhatra League activists swooped on their leaders and activists without any provocation, leaving three of their joint convener Ratul Sarker, Faruk Hossain and Ataullah injured.

DU chapter Chhatra League president Sonjit Chandra Das claimed that he had no idea about the incident and said that if any such kind of incident had occurred, they would take action.

Earlier, anomalies were seen in pass rate of the controversial test as the tally reached its highest point in 20 years, while some of the students broke all records of the past in obtaining marks.

On October 16, the university vice-chancellor professor Akhtaruzzaman announced the result where 26.21 per cent secured pass mark.

He later, amid barrage of criticism, admitted that the question paper of the test was leaked.

The number of admission seekers obtaining pass mark was 14.35 pc in 2017-18, 9.83 pc in 2016-17, 9.91 in 2015-16 sessions respectively.

The university authorities filed a case under Digital Security Act against six named accused and many unnamed accomplices alleging that they had leaked 72 questions of 'Gha Unit's admission test.

DU pro-VC Nasreen Ahmad on Tuesday told New Age, 'Few years back the university "Ga" unit admission test under the business faculty was held again as many anomalies were found in that test.'



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