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Asif Mahtab's tearing textbook pages 'act of vandalism': BRAC Univ

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BRAC University said on Monday that the recent act of tearing pages of a textbook published by the Government of Bangladesh, included in the national curriculum for students enrolled in class VII in schools, and asking others to do the same by the university's part-time teacher Asif Mahtab Utsha in a public forum was an act of vandalism.

In a press release issued by the Office of Communications of the university said that BRAC University did not support such behavior.

'BRAC University believes, like all great institutions of higher education, its role should be to create space for all views to be discussed and debated constructively, predicated on tolerance and respect. The university believes in the exchange of ideas through dialogue,' the release said.

'The University considers any act of vandalism towards national property as unacceptable behavior and does not tolerate or support such activities,' it read.

'The university, therefore, cannot offer a part-time teaching contract to Asif Mahtab Utsha for the Spring 2024 semester. However, the university will compensate Mr. Utsha for his time and efforts towards his preparatory work for Spring 2024,' it read.

'BRAC University respects and fully complies with the country's constitution and laws on all matters. Accordingly, it does not promote homosexuality as has been alleged by some quarters in various social media content. However, the university believes in equal rights and opportunities for every single human being to realize their potential,' said the release.



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