

# 3 more VCs resign, 2 more principals apply for transfer

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*Professor Md Abu Taher | UNB photo*

Three more vice-chancellors of Chittagong University, Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology in Gazipur and Khulna University of Engineering and Technology resigned on Monday.

With these resignations, a total of 14 public university vice-chancellors stepped down after the ouster of Sheikh Hasina-led government on August 5 amid mass uprising led by students.



The officials started to submit resignation letters as students at different universities gave them the ultimatum to do so.

Principals of Dhaka College and Rajshahi College applied for transfer on Monday following the student protest which is ongoing at different educational institutions across the country.

New Age correspondent in Chattogram reported that the vice-chancellor of Chittagong University, professor Md Abu Taher, resigned from his post on Sunday night.

The university registrar professor KM Nur Ahmad confirmed the matter on Monday.

Md Abu Taher, a professor of management department of the university, was appointed vice-chancellor on March 19 this year.

Earlier, the proctorial body and provosts of residential halls of the university resigned following students' demands.

New Age correspondent in Gazipur reported that Dhaka University of Engineering and Technology vice-chancellor professor M Habibur Rahman submitted his resignation letter to president Mohammed Shahabuddin on Monday citing 'personal reasons'.

He was appointed to the post on November 18, 2020.

A press release issued by the Khulna University of Engineering and Technology's public relations department on Monday read that university vice-chancellor professor Mihir Ranjan Halder and pro vice-chancellor professor Sobahan Mia sent resignation letters to the president via the education ministry on the day.

The university's mechanical engineering department professor Muhammad Masud was given the responsibility for the post of vice-chancellor until new appointment.

On Monday, Dhaka College principal professor Mohammad Yousuf applied for transfer following students' demand.

'My college's vice-principal also applied for transfer on the same day,' professor Yousuf added.

In Dhaka, students also staged protest at Eden Mohila College demanding removal of the principal.

New Age correspondent in Rajshahi reported that Rajshahi College principal professor Md Abdul Khaleque applied for transfer on Monday citing 'mental pressure'.

He stepped down an hour after several hundred students took position in front of the college administration building in the morning demanding his immediate resignation.

The students alleged that when the leaders and activists of the Awami League-backed student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League attacked the college students during quota reform student protests the principal did not protect the students.

Nearly 100 senior officials of the 14 universities also resigned so far.