

DU would welcome the decision

Says pro-VC Mamun Ahmed



Dhaka University would support the government's decision to remove the seven colleges from DU's affiliation, said pro-Vice Chancellor (Academic) Dr Mamun Ahmed in a recent interview with The Daily Star.

"If the government decides to remove these colleges from our affiliation, we would be happy," Mamun said.



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He spoke about the challenges DU has faced since taking over the colleges in 2017.

"Dhaka University took on the responsibility of managing the seven colleges without adequate preparation. Ensuring the quality of education at these colleges required essential resources -- both financial and human -- which the government was expected to provide but failed to do.

From the outset, DU was unprepared to handle the extensive administrative demands of these colleges. Effective management required additional manpower and funding, yet neither was provided by the government," Mamun said.

"Without the necessary resources and preparation, the situation at these colleges only grew more complex over time. DU assumed responsibility, but without a proper managerial system in place, we struggled to fulfil our duties effectively.

This lack of resources meant that faculty and students alike faced increasing frustration, as we were assigned responsibilities that we couldn't fully manage."

He acknowledged the frustrations of seven college students, but added the unplanned affiliation has strained DU's resources.

He said an end to the union could allow DU to better serve its own students. However, he also said that the separation would require a transitional period.

"Even if the government decides to sever the affiliation, it won't happen overnight," he said.

DU is prepared to manage the colleges during the transition if the government provides necessary resources, he added.