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Height of Delinquency

DUCSU is in the news again. No, it is not about VC's effort to hold the long overdue elections. According to a Star report published on Saturday the DU authorities are yet to have any idea how and for what purpose funds worth about 34 lakh drawn under various heads by DUCSU leaders have been spent in the period between 1991 to 1997.

Certainly inadequate time cannot be their excuse. This DUCSU body was elected way back in 1990 and its term expired in 1991. In between six years have gone by, the country has gone through two elections; two different parties have been in state power and yet the accounts remained in disarray.

And what a combination of professions and talents this defaulters group is made up of! One is an MP, for six years another national football player, and the third a Dhaka University teacher. Guilty as they are all, nowhere is the enormity of the lapse felt more poignantly than seemingly in the case of the former DUCSU vice president Amanullah Aman, a BNP MP and also a minister for a few days and the DU teacher Neamat Elahi. If they had the minimum respect for their representative position, they should have had the decency to resign. And again, it certainly was not beyond them to realise that they were morally obligated to come up with the accounts for a public institution's money they spent for whatever purpose.

We demand they account for all the 'unaccounted' expenditure immediately. Should they fail the Dhaka University authorities would do well to make them face legal consequences.