

V-Cs meet Kibria

Finance Minister Shah AMS Kibria emphasised austerity in expenditure and rationalisation of subsidies given to various sectors of the country's universities, says UNB.

The minister made the suggestion when Vice-Chancellors of varsities met him at his office today (Monday) and raised various problems facing university teachers and higher education.

The delegation of VCs exchanged views with the minister on the universities' revenue and development budgets and timelines of higher education and different problems prevailing there.

They apprised him of some complications in implementing existing policies for improving standard of education and flourishing talents.

They mentioned a complicity in providing enhanced salaries of the teachers having doctoral degrees or special qualifications in light of the autonomy of universities.

In some cases, the VCs said, the teachers were being subject to deprivation.

In response, the minister stressed that the problems could be overcome through a tripartite meeting between Education Ministry, Universities and Auditor General's office.

Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) VC Prof Iqbal Mahmud, Jahangirnagar University's Prof Amirul Islam Chowdhury, Dhaka University's Prof AK Azad Chowdhury, Rajshahi University's Prof Abdul Khaleque, Bangladesh Agricultural University's Prof Muhammad Hossain, Chittagong University's Prof Abdul Mannan, VC of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology Prof M Habibur Rahman, Khulna University's Prof Nazrul Islam and the Pro-VC of Bangladesh Open University were present.