

DU VC suggests removal of pro-VC

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Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University Prof Abdul Mannan has urged the higher authorities to relieve pro-Vice-Chancellor Prof Emajuddin Ahmed of his responsibility.

According to a reliable source, Prof Mannan has also proposed the names of three senior teachers of the university for the post. They are: Prof KAM Saad Uddin of the Sociology Department, Prof Abdul Momin Choudhury of the History Department—and Prof Kazi Jaker Hossain of the Zoology Department, all belonging to the vice-chancellor-led 'Pink Panel' of the teachers.

Prof Emajuddin, supported by the 'White Panel', was appointed pro-vice-chancellor in late 1986 for a four-year term. His term expires in December, 1990.

Knowledgeable circles said, there had been a cold war between the two topmost persons of the university administra-

tion since the White Panel disassociated itself from the 'Pink Panel' opposing the activities of the vice-chancellor.

The White Panel-nominated candidates won different

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elections of the teachers including DU Teachers Association, senate and dean. Another anti vice-chancellor, 'Blue Panel' shared the victory.

It may be noted that three leading teachers of the Pink Panel whose names the vice-chancellor has proposed for appointment to the post of pro-vice-chancellor were defeated in the recently held dean elections.

The dispute between the vice-chancellor and the pro-vice-chancellor reached its peak after the pro-V.C termed as 'rumblings of a sickman' the remarks of the V.C who said some ambitious teachers of the university were involved in the campus violence. The vice-chancellor made the remarks in an interview with the New Nation on September 29.

The DUTA also condemned the remarks and asked the vice-chancellor to apologise publicly if he failed to justify his remarks.

Prof Mannan in the October 23 Syndicate meeting mentioned some violent incidents in which some teachers were involved. In the same meeting he also indicated in his statement that the pro-VC and Prof SMA Fayez patronised the terrorists.

Earlier the Vice-chancellor removed Prof Fayez from the office of Provost of Mohsin Hall on October 1, three months ahead of expiry of his term. Prof Fayez is known as one of the leading persons of the White Panel.

Meantime, Proctor of the university Prof Abdul Mannan Choudhury resigned amidst growing row between the senior teachers and the vice-chancellor following the controversial remarks by the V.C.

His resignation followed an interview with the New Nation on October 9 in which he commented that "none should pass a remark which is illogical".