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## Action against DU teacher hailed

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Teachers and students of Dhaka University yesterday welcomed a Syndicate decision to retire a professor of the university for giving high scores to undeserving students in exchange of money.

The DU Syndicate on Saturday decided to send Prof. AHM Mahbubul Alam of Economics Department into retirement after recommendation from a tribunal it set up to try the teacher.

Hailing the decision, Vice-president of the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) Prof. RIM Aminur Rasheed said that the university authorities had taken the decision rightfully, following proper procedures.

It was earlier decided at a general meeting of the DUTA that the particular teacher should be sacked if the allegation brought against him is proved, DUTA Vice-president said.

The university authorities investigated the allegation as per rules laid down in the Dhaka University Order 1973 and took action accordingly as he was proved guilty, Rasheed said.

Welcoming the decision, Prof. Asaduzzaman, Dean of the Faculty of Social Science, said "This is a good beginning."

"The people who are destroying the image of the university by adopting such unfair means should be punished," he said.

Prof. Asaduzzaman said an independent investigation should be carried out to find out whether there are more such incidents in the university.

A teacher of the Chittagong University talking to The Daily Star last night, welcomed the

decision. "Misconduct of such a magnitude by a university teacher is unforgivable," said Shahidullah, a lecturer of the Journalism Department.

He thanked the DU authorities for taking such a bold step and said this would create a precedent.

Abu Naser Rajib, a student of the DU, alleged, it frequently happens that certain teachers of the university give high scores to some particular students because of their warm relations with them.

But this is perhaps the first reported incident that a teacher has given high scores in exchange of money, he said. Recurrence of such incident should be stopped, he said.