

Accused DU teacher blames 'outsiders' VC blames newspapers for 'baseless' reports

By DU Correspondent

The Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University has said any attempt to tarnish the image of teachers of the university will not be tolerated.

At a seminar on Policy of the newspaper and ethics of the newspaper, organised by Dhaka University Journalists Association at TSC cafeteria yesterday, VC Prof AK Azad Chowdhury alleged that a particular quarter was trying to tarnish the image of the university and its teachers.

He also alleged that some newspapers were publishing 'baseless and fabricated' reports that DU teachers were involved in sexual abuses.

The VC said on the basis of an interim report, action has been taken as regards a teacher against whom complaint was lodged. Stern action would be taken against any teacher found guilty by the inquiry committee.

He said there are now two

groups active in the field — one demanding punishment to the teachers and the other trying to protect their image.

He urged both groups not to observe any programme concerning alleged sexual offences of teachers till the probe body report is published.

Meanwhile, Emran Hossain, a teacher of political science of DU yesterday denied allegations that he had sexually abused a female student of the department in 1997.

In a press release, he said that some outsiders had been spreading misleading, untrue, fabricated and politically motivated reports.

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tivated allegations against him.

He said the female student centring whom the allegation was made had submitted a rejoinder to the chairman of the department that she did not lodge any complaint.

Talking to this correspondent at the TSC yesterday evening, he threatened to teach the 'outsiders' a lesson.

Meantime, the "Students Protesting Sexual Harassment" will bring out a procession on the DU campus at 11 am today with the participants wearing mask.

It may be recalled here that some female teachers of the university had met with the Vice-chancellor recently to know about the action being taken concerning the allegation by a female student of public administration against Prof Shahiduzzaman of International Relations.

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