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## Six agri-varsities in six divisions demanded

Bangladesh Agriculture Institute Former Students Association in a recently held meeting at Dhaka Agriculture College in the city demanded of the establishment of six Agriculture Universities in six Divisional areas of the country, says a Press release.

The meeting was presided over by the former Agriculture Minister and President of the Association MM Zaman.

Former Secretary Shahidul Islam, former Vice-Chancellor Prof Abdul Haque, former Principal of Dhaka Agriculture College Dr Mosharraf Hossain, former Director General Dr Amirul Islam,

former Principal of Dinajpur Agriculture College Md Yasin Ali, former Director MA Samad, former Director General Dr Mohammad Hossain Mondal, former Director Giasuddin Milki, former division chief of the Planning Commission Dr Nurul Islam spoke in the meeting.

The speakers said it was necessary to establish at least one Agriculture University in each division. They demanded upliftment of Dinajpur Haji Danesh Agriculture College in Rajshahi division, Patuakhali Agriculture College in Barisal Division and Dhaka Agriculture College in Dhaka Division and establishment of three new Agriculture University in three other divisions.

The meeting expressed indignation at the government decision to convert Dinajpur and Patuakhali Agriculture Colleges into two faculties of agriculture and mineral science in Dinajpur and Patuakhali science and Technology Universities. The meeting demanded upgradation of the two colleges into two full fledged agriculture universities changing the recent government decision. The meeting also opposed the government decision to open faculty of agriculture in the 12 proposed new science and technology universities.

The meeting further mentioned that there was no provision to convert Dinajpur and Patuakhali Agriculture Colleges into faculty of Agriculture and Mineral Science.