

CORRUPTION CHARGES

Former BRU

VC, addl registrar sent to jail

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A RANGPUR court on Thursday sent former Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur vice-chancellor Abdul Zalil Miah and additional registrar Shajahan Ali Mandol to jail custody in a graft case filed by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

The court also issued warrants of arrest against three other BRU officials in the case.

Rangpur's district and sessions judge Humayun Kabir gave the order.

ACC deputy director of Rangpur Mozahar Ali Sarder confirmed the news.

On 12 December 2013, ACC deputy director Abdul Karim filed a case with Kotowali police station in Rangpur against the four officials including former vice-chancellor Abdul Zalil Miah alleging that they had appointed 349 officials and employees in lieu of bribes and through nepotism and without University Grant Commission's approval.

The commission submitted the charge sheet in the court against the five on March 19.

On 16 July, the syndicate of BRU at its 53rd meeting promoted the four officials, after the charge sheet was submitted against them in

the corruption case.

They are— additional register Shajahan Ali Mandol, additional director ATGM Golam Firoz, deputy register Morshedul Alam Roni and deputy director (finance and accounting), Khandoker Ashrafal Alam.

According to the charge sheet, the former vice-chancellor professor Abdul Jalil Miah appointed 349 officials, employees taking huge sum of money as bribe in association with the four officials with violation of the rules of UGC.

It alleges that the VC also resorted to nepotism appointing some of his relatives in the university and they also made a financial loss of around Tk 90 lakhs of the university in the appointment process.

He said that Abdul Zalil also allegedly promoted some administrative officials to higher grades illegally and also appointed a good number of officials without issuing any circular.

On the Thursday, after hearing, the court gave the order to send Abdul Zalil and Shajahan Ali to jail who were present in the court and it issued arrest warrant against the three other officials.

Now, Abdul Zalil was
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serving in Chemistry Department of Rajshahi University and the four officials were serving in Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur.

The defense lawyer, Dilshad Islam Mukul said that Abdul Zalil and Shajahan Ali were in eight weeks bail

from the High Court.

He said that on Thursday the appeared in the court to sought bail again as the day was the last day of their bail.

He also said that they will go the higher court in this regard.

On February 13, ACC ar-

rested the National University proctor and sub-registrar HM Tayehid Jamal, its assistant registrar Md Siddiqur Rahman, and assistant director Md Mofazzal Hossain, out of 13 accused in a case relating to recruitment irregularities.

Kazi Shahidullah served

as NU vice-chancellor for four years since February 2009.

There are allegations that the authorities of different public universities appointed officials and staff in various positions violating the laws and the rules.