

# BSMMU VC cleared of assault allegations

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BANGABANDHU Sheikh Mujib Medical University vice-chancellor was not involved in the reported assault on the pro-vice-chancellor, said registrar ABM Abdul Hannan on Monday.

The university syndicate at its April 1 meeting made this decision based on a probe report, he said in a press conference on the campus.

The syndicate also recommended that the university authorities should lodge a complaint with the Press Council against dozens of newspapers and broadcasters that had defamed the university by circulating the 'made-up' story of clash between the two high officials.

The university administration was also asked

to take punitive actions against the pro-vice-chancellor, ASM Zakaria Swapan, for maligning the university.

The decisions were made according to the findings and recommendations of an investigation committee, said registrar ABM Abdul Hannan at the press conference.

The investigation committee was formed on January 28 by the syndicate following a brawl between two groups of employees on the campus on January 19, 2017.

Earlier, a number of newspapers and broadcasters reported that BSMMU vice-chancellor Kamrul Hasan Khan assaulted pro-vice-chancellor ASM Zakaria Swapan following an altercation over irregularities in recruiting nurses during

a meeting on January 19.

ABM Abdul Hannan, while addressing the press briefing, said the investigation committee found no irregularity in appointment of nurses.

'Facts were not reflected in the farcical report,' said ASM Zakaria Swapan by rejecting it.

'I have already denounced it in a written statement to the university authorities,' he added.

Vice-chancellor Kamrul Hasan, however, said, 'The pro-vice-chancellor has the right to believe whatever he wishes, but the administration has no scope to overlook the syndicate decision.'

The administration will decide later what punishment should be handed out to ASM Zakaria Swapan, he added.