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3.40 acres of BUET land grabbed, says Nahid

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EDUCATION minister Nurul Islam Nahid on Thursday told the parliament that at least 3.4 acres of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology land were under illegal occupation.

The Dhaka South City Corporation and one Mohammad Azam had occupied BUET's 3.04 acres of land, widely known as Azad Pukur or Balur Math, said the minister.

Another 26 decimals of land, known as Sweeper Colony, adjacent to girls' hostel, were also under illegal occupation, Nurul Islam Nahid said without naming the grabber.

The BUET authorities had met with Dhaka South mayor in March and asked for returning the grabbed land at Azad Pukur or Balur Math.

They had told the mayor that BUET got the allocation of the land in 1974 by paying Tk 23.14 lakh to the government exchequer.

BUET authorities also met the land minister in April to get the land back, said Nahid.

He added that hearings of three cases were pending in the Appellate Division for freeing the grabbed Sweeper Colony land.

BUET is one of the leading institutions for engineering and architecture studies in the country and the campus is in the heart of Dhaka city. It has a compact campus with halls of residence within walking distances of the academic buildings. At present, the campus occupies 76.85 acres of land.