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DU publishes 'D' unit results amid protests

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DHAKA University on Sunday published the results of the entrance examination for bachelor's degree courses under 'D unit' amid allegations of question paper leak followed by widespread criticism and protests.

DU vice-chancellor Akhtaruzzaman announced the results at the university's administrative building at about 1:30pm on Sunday.

However, only 14.35 per cent students have secured pass mark while a total of 98,054 candidates appeared in the entry test this year against 1,610 seats and some 61 applicants contested against each seat under the unit.

Hours after the end of the test, an allegation of question paper leak was raised, sparking off a countrywide criticism while the authorities denied such allegations.

Former students, present students and cross-section of people came down heavily on the authorities for their failure to maintain the quality of education of the university.

There are allegations that a number of admission seekers got e-mail containing questions of the English part of the test almost eight hours before the exam held from 10:00am to 11:00am.

Twenty-four of the leaked questions out of 25 in the English section were found to be similar to those in the question paper distributed in the examination.

Dismissing the allegation vice-chancellor Akhtaruzzaman claimed there was no possibility of original question paper being leaked as the monitoring system was very strict.

He further said that if the questions were leaked, it might be after beginning of the exam, but there was no possibility of questions going leaked before the exam.

He also said that the allegation was nothing but a blatant lie and a vested quarter was trying to tarnish the image of the university.

Akhtaruzzaman also said that the university authorities and law enforcers were trying to find out the people behind the propaganda and inciting general students for demonstration.

Meanwhile, Progressive Students' Alliance, a platform of left student wings on Sunday afternoon also went on a demonstration in front of the vice-chancellor office demanding cancellation of the controversial exam and proper investigation into the matter.

The left alliance also threatened to wage tougher movement if their demands were not met.

Progressive Students Alliance will hold a press conference today to announce their further programmes.

At the same time, DU assistant proctor Sohel Rana assaulted Daily Independent's university correspondent Mir Arshadul Haque, who was covering the incident.

A mobile court also jailed 12 admission seekers during the examination held on Friday morning while the Criminal Investigation Department arrested three others, including Bangladesh Chhatra League assistant secretary, over fraudulence in the admission test.

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