

# SC clears way for 19 Buet teachers' retirement benefits

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The Supreme Court yesterday cleared the way for 19 retired teachers of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (Buet), including its three former vice chancellors (VCs), to obtain their relevant retirement benefits as per the 2015 national pay scale.

The apex court affirmed its earlier order that upheld the High Court (HC) verdict directing the authorities concerned to give the post retirement leave (PRL) and pension facilities to 19 former Buet teachers, who retired at different times, in 30 days after receiving its (HC's) order.

According to the HC verdict, seven former Buet teachers, including two former VCs Prof Md Manwarul Islam and Prof Saheda Rahman, will get pension facilities and 11 others, including former VC Dr Md Majharul Haque, will get PRL and pension benefits as per the 2015 national pay scale.

Yesterday, a four-member bench of the Appellate Division of the SC headed by Chief

Justice Syed Mahmud Hossain passed the order through dismissing two separate petitions filed by Buet and University Grants Commission (UGC) seeking a review of its earlier order that upheld the HC verdict.

The apex court on August 8 last year upheld the HC verdict through dismissing two separate leave to appeal petitions filed by Buet and UGC challenging the HC verdict.

Earlier on February 4 last year, the HC delivered the verdict directing the authorities to give the PRL and pension facilities to 19 former teachers of Buet in 30 days.

The HC gave the verdict following three separate writ petitions filed by the 19 retired Buet teachers saying that they had been deprived of the retirement benefits.

UGC's lawyer Advocate AF Hasan Ariff told The Daily Star that the former Buet teachers will get their retirement benefits following the SC order.

Barrister Fida M Kamal, Advocate Tabarak Hossain and Barrister Urmeen Rahman appeared for the teachers.

## BCL groups brawl

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Nurul Islam, officer-in-charge of Kotwali Model Police Station, present on the spot, told The Daily Star, "There were some heated exchange of words between the groups, but we brought the situation under control. Everything is normal now."

Meanwhile, some BCL city unit activists alleged that district unit organising secretary and his associates including Rois Ahmed Manna attacked them. One of their (city unit) activists, Saiful Serniabat, was injured in the attack.

Both Manna and Saiful declined to comment on the issue.

Contacted, Abdur Razzak, secretary of BCL district unit, said, "It was a minor matter. It has been resolved already."

Wishing anonymity, AL and BCL activists said the mayor called them to his home in the afternoon and warned them not to repeat any such incident that will tarnish the party's image, otherwise strict measures will be taken against them.

The Daily Star could not get in touch with the mayor for his comments.

## Justice Habibur Rahman's

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acting chief justice between 1990 and 1991 when the then chief justice Shahbuddin Ahmed took charge as interim president following the fall of the Ershad regime. He was appointed chief justice in February 1995, and served at the capacity until his retirement.

The recipient of Bangla Academy Literary Award and Ekushey Padak, passed away on this day due to old-age complications on January 11, 2014 at the age of 85.

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