

# Tangail school kids protest 'occupation' of playground

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Students of Government Town Primary School in the district headquarters blocked a busy road yesterday protesting construction of a building for Tangail Law College at a portion of the school's playground.

Teachers and guardians of the students also took part in the programme to press for their demand to shift the college to another place.

The agitation on Victoria Road caused suspension of vehicular movements there and created traffic jam across the town.

The school was established on 41 decimals of land by late Purnendra Mohan Ghosh in 1939 and it was nationalised in 1973, school sources said.

Tangail Law College started its academic activities on the school premises in 1982 and later they took lease of 12 decimals of school land.

In 1999, a meeting led by the then lawmaker in Tangail Abdul Mannan (late) decided to shift the college to another suitable place but the college authorities did not comply with the decision, school sources said.

On Tuesday, with the

support of an influential local leader of Awami League, the college authorities started construction of a concrete structure on the school land, hampering classes of the kids, school-teachers said.

"Now around 1200 students are studying at the school and it has reputation for good results. The college should shift as per the previous decision as we have only nine classrooms against the requirement of total 16," said Naiyar Jaha Farzana Zakia, headmistress of the school.

Principal of the law college, advocate Khan Mohammad Khaled said the land was leased from the

land ministry following the rules.

As the law college authorities could not accommodate all of its 712 students, they recently decided to construct an L-shaped makeshift building on six decimals of land and started the construction work, he said.

Contacted, Tangail Deputy Commissioner Mahbub Hossain said, "I will arrange a meeting at my conference room over the matter on Monday.

Both sides have been asked to place documents in support of their claims. Decision will be given after checking the documents."