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Protest continues for cancellation of exam

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A section of Dhaka University students on Sunday continue to protest demanding cancellation of the controversial 'Gha' unit entrance test which was marred by widespread allegation of question paper leak that was also acknowledged by the university.

The protesters also demanded resignation of DU social science faculty dean and coordinator of the controversial test Sadeka Halim for her failure to ensure enough security measures to thwart question leakage.

Students from different departments came with these demands from a rally under the banner of 'Dhaka University Against Question Leak' held at the altar of anti-terrorism Raju memorial sculpture.

Meanwhile, Dhaka University authority on Sunday assured that they will take stern action if any anomalies are found in the controversial 'Gha' unit entrance exam result and admission process, said a press release from the university.

It also said that chief coordinator of 'Gha' unit entrance exam would review the result, if any inconvenience found, she would take necessary steps and if any crucial decision was required, university authority would take further action upon recommendation from her.

Expressing solidarity with the protesting students, professor Asif Nazrul said that while the university authority already acknowledged that the question paper of the controversial test was leaked then what could be the reason behind the authority's reluctance to retake the test.

Demanding retake of the test, he also urged the university authority to remove Sadeka Halim from the post and install someone capable of shouldering the responsibility and take stern action to wipe out fraudsters involved with the scandal.

Chhatra Union central president Jilani Shuvo, Chhatra Federation central president Golam Mostofa, Chhatra Front's central general secretary Nasiruddin Prince also addressed the rally.

Earlier on October 16, Dhaka University published the result of 'Gha' unit entrance exam amid a barrage of criticism, acknowledging the question paper leak before the exam.

The question paper was leaked minutes before the exam, students and guardians said.

Shortly after Saturday midnight, the university authorities filed a case under Digital Security Act against six persons and many unnamed accomplices alleging that they were involved with the leak of 72 questions of 'Gha Unit's admission test.

The case was filed with the Shahbagh Police Station after six accused, all from Bogura, were arrested from the Doyel Chattar on the campus.

Many anomalies surfaced about the 'Gha' unit result.

There were incongruities in pass rate of the controversial test as the tally reached its highest point in 20 years, while some of the students broke all records of the past in obtaining marks.

