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RU BCL holds demo defying ban

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Bangladesh Chhatra League brought out a procession on Rajshahi University campus on Monday defying a ban on political demonstration during the entrance examinations. Leaders of the organisation also vowed to hold such demonstration on the campus today to attract the attention of the bachelor's degree admission seekers. Around 300 leaders and activists led by Chhatra League's RU unit president Golam Kibria and general secretary Faisal Ahmed Runu also held a rally following the procession. The demonstration spread panic and confusion among the exam takers and their guardians as demonstrators had to make their way along the streets pushing pedestrians and slow vehicles aside.

Admission seeker Israt Anannya said, 'I was confused and frightened. I got confused and could not understand on which side I should go as people crowded on both sides of the road.'

Chowdhury Hossain, who came from Dinajpur with her daughter, told New Age that it was impossible for him to give the BCL men space for their procession as the road was completely packed with pedestrians and vehicles.

'The university authorities should take steps to prevent such demonstrations on campus during entrance exams,' he added.

Sumon Moral, convener of the RU branch of Progressive Students' Alliance, came down hard on the university authorities for not taking action against Chhatra League for breaching restrictions on rallies and processions on the campus during entrance exams.

University proctor Lutfor Rahman said, 'I was not aware about the Chhatra League programmes on the campus. We would ask them not hold such programmes during the admission test.'

RU BCL president Golam Kibria said they organised the programmes just to welcome the admission seekers and that was why they did not take any permission from the university authorities.



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