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# ‘Chhatra League gets impunity, while victims suffer’

Say speakers on sexual harassment in universities



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Sexual harassers from Chhatra League (BCL) in different universities are getting continuous impunity against their offences, as the university authorities don't take action against them. Rather, they oust the victims out of the halls, said speakers yesterday.

They made the remarks at a procession organised by Nari Sanghati, marking International Women's Day-2023, in front of Raju Memorial Sculpture in Dhaka University's TSC area.

Author and anthropologist Rahnuma Ahmed said, "Bangladesh's minister of education is a female. If sexual assaults occur in any other nation, the responsible minister resigns. Bangladesh has had a female-led government for around 35 years. Yet we are unable to provide a woman with a protected environment."

"Why does a female student need to enter university dorms before 8:00pm? If these rules exist only for women, where is the freedom we deem so precious?" said Nusrat Haque of Student Federation of Bangladesh's Dhaka Mohanagar unit.

Shemoli Shil, president of Nari Shonghoti; Aparajita Chando, general secretary of the organisation; Prof Gitiara Nasreen of DU, also expressed their solidarity with the procession.

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