

SUST students give 72-hr ultimatum for 3 demands

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Students of the Shahjalal University of Science and Technology on Wednesday gave the administration a 72-hour ultimatum to meet their 3-point demand.

The demands are reduction of the fees of admission, semester and credits for courses; cancellation of all kinds of quota system from the admission process; and completion of the next two semesters in four months each instead of six months.

They issued the ultimatum holding a human chain formed in front of the Central Library on the SUST campus.

Addressing the human chain, the student representatives said that the admission fee in the first year honours was Tk 8,100 in the academic year 2020-21 but the fee was increased to Tk 18,000 in the academic year 2023-24.

At the same time, the fees for semester and credit were also increased by several times, they alleged, mentioning that the fee for per theoretical credit was Tk 105 while the fee for per practical credit was Tk 160 in the academic year 2020-21, which were increased to Tk 140 and Tk 200 respectively in the academic year 2022-23.

Such increasing of the fees was completely illogical and the present administration also had not determined the reasonable amounts for the fees after cancelling the previous amounts that was increased by the previous administration despite repeated appeals, the student representatives alleged.

The speakers in the rally also claimed that the 'quota for dependence' of the university officials and employees had also no logical ground.

They cautioned the university administration saying that they would be forced to launch a tough movement if their demands were not met by within 72 hours.

A social work student Azad Shikder coordinated the rally, addressed, among others, by chemistry student Asadullah Al Galib, social work student Mujahid Imon, Muhammad Ali and Murad Mia, business administration student Mahbulul Hasan Paban and social science student Faysal Hossain.