

Nameplates of RU dorms linked to AL, Hasina removed



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A section of Rajshahi University (RU) students removed nameplates bearing the names of Awami League and Sheikh Hasina last night.

Around 9:00pm, demonstrators gathered at Joha Chattar before marching through the university. They began by dismantling the nameplate of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall, renaming it Bijoy-24. Similar actions were taken at Shaheed Kamruzzaman Hall (renamed Shahid Ali Raihan Hall), Sheikh Hasina Hall (Fatima Al Fihriya Hall), Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Hall (Faizunnesa Chowdhurani Hall), and Sheikh Rasel Model School (Riya Gope School).



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The agitated students vandalised and replaced the nameplates with new ones.



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However, when protesters attempted to remove the nameplate of Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Mujib Hall, residents of the hall resisted, throwing bricks and stones at the demonstrators. In response, the protesters burned posters put up by the hall residents.

A resident of the hall claimed, "The protesters were the first to use abusive language and throw bricks. We acted in self-defense. It's our choice whether we want to change the hall's name. They came with a banner, which means they had a pre-planned agenda. We suspect that some of them were outsiders."

Later, RU Proctor Mahbubor Rahman arrived at the scene and intervened to de-escalate the situation. When asked about the incident, he stated, "The university administration is not involved here. There is a formal process to rename a hall or building."

Commenting on the protest, Fahim Reza, RU coordinator of the Students Against Discrimination, said, "[Sheikh] Hasina is trying to regain her influence in the country, while the blood of our brothers has not yet dried on the streets. We, the revolutionary students, took this initiative to erase her footprint. Today's action is a slap against fascism."