

Rename Gazipur Digital University, demand students

Gazipur's Digital University, formerly known as Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Digital University, has been renamed "Gazipur Digital University" by the interim government.

However, students staged protests yesterday, demanding that the university be renamed "Bangladesh Digital University". Rejecting the change, they have also boycotted their classes and examinations.



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In the morning, university students organised a human chain in front of the administrative building in the Mahishbathan area of Kaliakair upazila. As part of their protest, they also locked the administrative building to press their demand.

According to the students, the government issued an ordinance on February 13, officially changing the university's name from Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Digital University, Bangladesh, to Gazipur Digital University. The announcement sparked immediate backlash, prompting students to launch protests, including a sit-in on campus that evening.

Continuing their demonstrations, students formed a human chain yesterday and warned of tougher protests if their demand was not met.

Fakhrul Hasan Faisal, a student of the Internet of Things and Robotics Engineering Department, said, "Until our rightful demand is met, all academic and administrative activities will remain completely shut down. We urge the education adviser to take immediate steps to issue an ordinance renaming it as Bangladesh Digital University."

A delegation of university students submitted a memorandum to the Kaliakair Upazila Nirbahi Officer (UNO) in this regard.

On January 16, the interim government announced the renaming of 13 universities, saying that Digital University would be renamed Bangladesh Digital University. However, when an ordinance was issued on February 13 naming it Gazipur Digital University, students deemed it unacceptable.

On February 17, students submitted another memorandum to the education adviser, demanding a fresh ordinance reinstating the name Bangladesh Digital University.