Students again give 24-hour ultimatum for home adviser's resignation

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Home adviser retired lieutenant general Jahangir Alam Chowdhury. | File photo

A group of students on Tuesday brought out a torch procession on the Dhaka University campus protesting at Monday's police obstruction against their march towards the Ministry of Home Affairs demanding resignation of home adviser retired lieutenant general Jahangir Alam Chowdhury for his failure to ensure public safety.

They also gave a 24-hour ultimatum for the resignation of the home adviser.

The demonstration held under the banner of 'Dharshan O Nipiraner Biruddhe Bangladesh' (Bangladesh against rape and harassment) also demanded taking effective measures to stop the ongoing incidents of rape and violence against women across the country, ensuring justice for all in cases of rape and oppression, and logical reforms of relevant laws.

The procession started at around 7:20pm from the university's Teacher-Student Centre and after marching through different points on the campus concluded in front of the Anti-Violence Raju Memorial Sculpture.

The protesters chanted slogans such as 'Stop murder, rape, and oppression', and 'Down with rapists' during the procession.

Addressing a brief rally, Eden College student Tilottoma Eti stated that in the past few days, no rape cases had received justice.

'Instead, those demanding justice were being criticised for their clothing on social media.'

Dhaka University student Shima Akhter said, 'Aafter the mass uprising, we are facing online bullying.'

Jagannath University student Samira Mou expressed her frustration over their security saying that women could not move freely on roads.

At the rally, the protesters announced that they would hold a press conference at Dhaka University's Madhu's Canteen, on Wednesday at around 3:00pm where they would present their demands and plans.

Protests by students of various institutions demanding the resignation of home adviser retired lieutenant general Jahangir Alam Chowdhury for his failure to ensure public safety continued for the third day on Tuesday.

Earlier on Monday, students and people under the banner of 'Bangladesh against rape and harassment' were intercepted by police in front of Shikkha Bhaban near the Bangladesh Secretariat where they gave 24 hours for the adviser's resignation.