

Students strike today

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Different student organisations have called general strike today (Tuesday) in the country's educational institutions including the universities in protest against the government's decision to raise tuition fees at all levels and demanding withdrawal of the enhanced fees.

Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO), a combined body of the eight left-leaning student organisations, Chhatra Oikya Forum, Biplabi Chhatra Mancha, Bangladesh Chhatra Federation and Samajtantrik

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Chhatra Front in separate statements on Monday blamed the government for hatching conspiracy to turn education into commodity through enhancing tuition fees in accordance with the prescription of the World Bank and called upon the student community to extend cooperation to make today's strike call a success.

Criticising the government for not implementing the demands of students they said the government was taking various anti-student measures.

It may be mentioned that the government at a meeting recently decided to raise tuition and admission fees of government schools, colleges, medical and engineering colleges, marine academy as well as universities.

According to a circular of the Ministry of Finance, the monthly tuition fee has been raised for Class VII and VIII to Taka 15, for Class IX to X to Taka 15, Higher Secondary (HSC) level to Taka 20, degree level to Taka 25 and post-graduate level to Taka 30.

Universities have been instructed to increase their income from Taka 10 crore to Taka 25 crore by raising tuition fees and other dues.