

Students demand Azam's trial in special tribunal

Different student organisations on Saturday staged demonstration in the city demanding immediate formation of a special tribunal to try Golam Azam as a war criminal, reports UNB.

The renewed demand for the special tribunal was made at separate rallies in front of the Jatiya Press Club during the day by pro-Awami League Chhatra League, Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikyo (GCO) and Chhatra Oikyo Forum.

Addressing those rallies, the student leaders said the citizenship of Golam Azam is not the issue and they demanded his trial on war crime charges.

They expressed their solidarity with the countrywide hartal called by Nirmul Committee on July 19 to protest what they said the government's policy of protecting the Jamaat-Shibir and urged the people to observe the hartal for implementation of the verdict of "Gano-Adalat" (people's court).

The Chhatra League rally was addressed by its President Moinuddin Hasan Chowdhury, General Secretary Iqbalur Rahim and central leaders Akhter Hossain and Monjurul Islam Ashru.

The Chhatra League leaders at their rally renewed their demand to the government for banning the politics of Jamaat-Shibir, Freedom Party, Juba Command and other political parties based on religion.

They said the government should try Golam Azam in a special tribunal. There are provisions in the country's constitution to form special tribunals, they pointed out.

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The rally of GCO, an alliance of eight left-leaning student organisations, was addressed by Ragib Ahsan Munna, Ruhul Quddus Babu, Ismail Hossain and Uday Pal.

The GCO leaders said the Gano-Adalat (people's court) gave the verdict of death sentence against Golam Azam for his "war crimes" during the liberation war of the country in 1971.

The court had massive popular support and its verdict reflected the hopes and aspirations of the commonman of the country against a war criminal, they observed.

Chhatra Oikyo Forum rally was addressed by Moshrefa Misu and Moklesur Rahman Shahin. They called upon people from all walks of life to raise their voice against communal politics and trial of Golam Azam.