

# Home Economics College students block city crossing

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STUDENTS of the College of Home Economics blocked the New Market crossing in the capital on Monday, demanding elevation of their college to a full-fledged institute under Dhaka University.

During the two-hour demonstration, traffic in and around the area came to a halt causing immense sufferings to city people.

This was the third consecutive day of the students' demonstration, boycotting classes and examinations.

Several hundred female students around 11:00am blocked the crossing on Mir-

pur road, a major thoroughfare in the city, causing a severe traffic gridlock.

The demonstrators withdrew their blockade around 1:00am on the request from Lalbagh zone police deputy commissioner Mohammad Ibrahim, said the students.

During the blockade, they chanted slogans seeking immediate intervention of the authorities concerned to meet their demand.

Ishrat Jahan, a student of child development and social relation department of the college and one of the organisers of the movement, announced that they would also hold similar programme today.

The students began the movement on Saturday by boycotting classes and exams demanding elevation of their college as a full-fledged institute under Dhaka University as well as for getting transport and library facilities, quality education, proper accommodation and adequate number of teachers.

Earlier, on October 4, 2016, amid a similar demonstration, education minister Nurul Islam Nahid has assured the students of meeting their demands.

The minister had formed a panel, led by the education secretary, but it was yet to

release a report, said Ishrat Jahan.

Ishrat also alleged that they had been sitting for examinations under Dhaka University as a unit since 2014, but never got any facilities of the university standard.

She further said they would continue their movement until their demands were fulfilled.

The College of Home Economics, having now 4,000 students, was formed in 1961 with the help of the US's Ford Foundation and Oklahoma State University. It later became affiliated to Dhaka University.