

Students protest at Chittagong swimming pool construction

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STUDENTS in Chittagong on Wednesday went on demonstrations protesting at the construction of a swimming pool at Outer Stadium in Kazir Dewri area.

About 200 students from different institutions, namely Government Hazi Mohammad Mohsin College, Government City College and Ispahani Public School and College and Government Muslim High School, formed a human chain in front of the Chittagong Press

Club in the afternoon.

Protesters bore placards reading 'we want to be cricketer, not terrorist', and 'we want swimming pool but don't want the playground to be shrunk'.

A participant, Minhazur Rahman of Government City College, said the swimming pool would shrink the size of the playground and will cut down the scope for games and sports.

'We need a swimming pool, but it should not be at the cost of a vital playground in the city', Minhazur added.

The students requested

the authorities to scrap the construction work at Outer Stadium and find out another place for the swimming pool.

Bangladesh Chhatra League Chittagong city unit has also been protesting at the construction of the swimming pool at Chittagong Outer Stadium for two weeks.

On April 18, the BCL leaders and activists got into in a clash with police while they were trying to hold a protest near the playground.

At least 30 people, including some policemen, were injured in the clash.

Earlier on April 10, Chittagong city unit Awami League president ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury from a rally in the city's Laldighi field demanded steps to scrape the swimming pool project.

He also gave a 15-day ultimatum to incumbent mayor of Chittagong city AJM Nasir Uddin, who is also the general secretary of CJKS and AL's Chittagong city unit, to drop the project.

Chittagong District Sports Association constructs the 70,380 square feet swimming pool at Tk 11 crore and 40 lakh.

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