

## Students lock RU admin building for transport to attend fellow's janaza

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STUDENTS, including leaders and activists of Rajshahi University unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, ruling Awami League-backed student organisation, staged demonstration on the campus on Monday, demanding a university bus in order to attend the namaz-e-janaza of a fellow.

They kept the university administration building locked for two and half hours to press home their demand.

Saniur Rahman Sany, a second year student of RU linguistic department, and also BCL RU unit culture affairs deputy secretary, died of Hepatitis B at a hospital in Dhaka on Monday morning.

The namaz-e-janaza of Sany, who was also public affairs secretary of Samakal Natyachakra of the university, was scheduled to be held at 6:00pm at his native home at village Deusree in Netrokona.

Witnesses said that the department's students, BCL leaders, cultural activists and members of Netrokona Zila Somiti went to the university transport office director Professor FM Ali Haider and requested him to manage a bus for them so that they could attend Sany's namaz-e-janaza in Netrokona.

As Professor Haider expressed his inability over the matter and referred them to the university authorities, the students went to the university proctor Professor Lutfar Rahman who took them to the vice-chancellor, Professor M Abuds Sobhan.

The VC rejected the students' demands stating that their demand for bus was illogical and asked them to manage commercial bus.

Following the VC's remarks, agitating students blocked the main entrance of the university campus.

Being informed, the VC went to the spot and said that no university transport would be provided to them.

Following the incident, agitating students locked the administrative building around 1:50pm and staged demonstration in front of the building.

The students alleged that the university authority provided bus for the marriage ceremony of university staff, but they rejected their demand while they wanted to see their fellow for the last time.

However, agitating students withdrew their demonstration around 4:30pm as RU pro-vice chancellor Professor Ananda Kumar Saha assured them that later the university authorities would provide a bus to them for visiting Sany's family.