

Students on demo for election to unions

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PROGRESSIVE Students' Alliance on Friday demanded immediate election to the students' unions of all universities and withdrawal of cases filed by the different university authorities accusing their members.

At a solidarity rally in front of the National Museum in Dhaka, student leaders said filing cases against students on false allegations was a brutal

demonstration of the administration's autocratic attitude toward democratic movement in absence of student union polls in the educational institutes.

Demanding immediate union elections in all educational institutes, they also said that it was impossible to ensure democratic environment in the campuses without such steps.

While addressing the rally, former Rajshahi University Central Students'

Union president Ragib Hasan Munna urged students to protests against all undemocratic activities of the university and government.

He also urged the university authorities to arrange immediate student union polls in all educational institutes of the country to ensure democratic environment of education and to curb commercialisation of education.

Chhatra Front central president Imran Habib

Rummon demanded withdrawal of case against the students of the seven colleges that have been recently affiliated with the University of Dhaka who demanding announcement of exam schedules.

Chhatra Federation central president Golam Mostofa said as per the Dhaka University Order 1973, there should be an elected body comprising representatives from students in the senate but there was none for last twenty-

seven years as no student union polls held.

He further also said that there demand was logical but some teachers shamelessly attacked the demonstrators without any provocation.

Among others, Chhatra Oikya Forum's joint-convenor Sarkar al Imran, Chhatra Front's central organising secretary Masud Hasan, Chhatra Union's central general secretary Liton Nondi also addressed the rally.