

DU teachers, students demand repeal of Sec 57

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TEACHERS and students of mass communication and journalism department the of Dhaka University on Sunday demanded immediate withdrawal of a case filed against journalist Najmul Hossain under section 57 of the Information and Communications Technology Act 2006.

From a human chain formed in front of Aparajeyo Bangla on the campus, they also demanded immediate repeal of the Section 57 from the 2006 act to ensure freedom of expression.

Dhaka University social science faculty acting dean AJM Shafiu Alam Bhuiyan, mass communication and journalism department chairman Mofizur Rahman, crimi-



Mass communication and journalism department students of Dhaka University form a human chain at the base of Aparajeyo Bangla on DU campus on Sunday, demanding withdrawal of a case filed under Section 57 against a TV journalist. — New Age photo

nology department teacher Syed Mahfujul Haque Marjan, among others, addressed the human chain.

AJM Shafiu Alam Bhuiyan said that the Section 57

was introduced to prevent misuse of social networking site but now it was being used to harass people, mostly journalists and right activists.

He also demanded immediate repeal of the law to so that general people and journalists could express their opinions freely.

Mofizur Rahman said that the government was yet to take any step to revoke the Section 57 despite general disapproval of it.

He also urged the government to scrap all the cases filed under the Section 57.

Najmul Hossain, a senior reporter of Jamuna Television was sued for his June 23 Facebook post under the Section 57.