

## BCL calls strike in education instts Feb 13

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Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) has called a student strike in educational institutions across the country on February 13 and other agitation programmes in protest against distortion of history in the school textbooks.

BCL will form a human chain in front of the National Press Club on Monday. Demonstrations will be staged across the country on Tuesday, as part of a series of protest-programmes. A rally will be held at city's Muktangon on Tuesday.

The programmes were announced at a press conference held at Dhaka Reporters' Unity auditorium on Saturday. BCL president Bahadur Bepari read out a statement.

BCL is going to hold a 'study circle' to train the activists to make the people aware of the "history scandal". AL President and Leader of the Opposition in Parliament Sheikh Hasina will inaugurate the study circle today (Sunday) at AL central office at Bangabandhu Avenue.

In his written speech, Bahadur Bepari accused the government of distorting history. "They're now engaged spreading falsehood in the history of the liberation war and the role of the razakars and anti-liberation elements," he said. "Even they distorted the speech of their leader Ziaur Rahman wiping out Zia's statement about Bangabandhu in the Zia's declaration of Liberation War," Bahadur lamented.

Bahadur Bepari also accused the BNP-Jamaat coalition government of ignoring the Constitution and neglecting the role of political leadership and masses during the War of Liberation. "They committed a heinous crime against the new generation by distorting the history," he added.

General Secretary Ajay Kar Khokon, Balaram Poddar, Abdul Matin, Liakat Sikdar, Ashraful Azim Rubon, Nazrul Islam Babu, Rafiqul Islam and AKM Azim were present at the press conference.

The BCL president alleged that the government was steamrolling the BCL activists by filing 566 cases against 7771 BCL leaders and supporters in only ten districts after the political changeover.

About 714 BCL supporters were arrested in these districts, he added.