



BCL, GCO hold rally against PM's DU visit

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Different student organisations on Friday staged demonstrations against Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia's arrival on the Dhaka University campus.

Female workers and leaders of Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) brought out a procession in front of Shishu Park in the evening with black ribbons on their faces and black flags protesting the Premier's visit to the DU campus.

Police dispersed the protesters and took away the black flags, organisers said.

"We protested against Begum

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Zia's arrival on the campus for distortion of history in the school textbooks by her government," BCL President Bahadur Bepari told The Bangladesh Observer. "She has no right to inaugurate such a sacred function," he added.

Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO), an umbrella of five left leaning student organisations, brought out a procession and held a rally on the Dhaka University campus protesting the Prime Minister's arrival on the campus.

Begum Zia deviated from her commitment for implementing the 10-point demand of All Party Students' Unity (APSU) of the anti-autocratic movement in 1990.

"This time she is trying to ban student politics in the name of containing terrorism, they added.

The student-wings of the two partners of Begum Zia's coalition government occupied all the campuses across the country, but she remains silent at such acts of terrorism, the leaders said.

Convenor of Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree Dipankar Saha Dipu, General Secretary of Samajtantrik Chhatra Front Khokan Das, General Secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra Union Nur-e-Alam and President of Samajbadi Chhatra Jote Tahmidul Huq Mukti addressed the rally.