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DU rallies demand more allocation to edn sector

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The Pro-Awami League Chhatra League (M-I) and Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) held separate rallies on Dhaka University campus on Monday in support of their demand for eight per cent allocation of the national income to education sector in the proposed national budget.

Addressing the rallies student leaders demanded reduction of the allocation to different non-productive sectors including the defence.

Chhatra League (M-I) held its rally at the foot of Aparajeo Bangla which was addressed, among others, by KHM Lizu and Ataur Rahman. GCO also held its rally at the same venue and it was addressed by Belal Chowdhury, Ahad Ahmed and Mohsin Sarker.

Speakers criticised the Government for placing the budget before the Parliament in absence of the Opposition and urged all to raise voice against the "anti-people" budget of the BNP government.

They rejected the Government's demand for the highest allocation to the education sector in the proposed budget and said that allocation to defence sector has been increased to Taka 200 crore as compared to the fiscal 1993-94 wheras the amount to education sector is Taka 52 crore.