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Students' group, JCD face off over student politics at RUET

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A group of students of Rajshahi University of Engineering and Technology and activists from the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, the student wing of the ruling Bangladesh Nationalist Party, engaged in protests and counter-protests on Monday over attempts to resume student politics on campus.

The tensions erupted as the university administration imposed a ban on all forms of political activities on the campus on August 11, 2024, following student protests.



According to the official gazette issued by the university, students, teachers, officials and employees are barred from involvement in political organisations or political activities on campus, and violations will be subject to disciplinary action under university regulations.

Students said that, following the recent clashes between Chhatra Dal and Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir, student wing of Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, in Chattogram and Dhaka, they had hung a banner in front of the RUET central library, displaying 'no covert or overt student politics on campus'.

They alleged that activists of the Chhatra Dal tore down and burned the banner on Sunday night, triggering anger among students.

In protest, several hundred students from different residential halls brought out a midnight procession and later became involved in an altercation in front of Shahid President Ziaur Rahman hall, according to witnesses.

Following the incident, protesting students announced a boycott of classes and examinations on Monday and gathered in front of the administration building and staged demonstrations demanding action against those involved in campus political activities.

At the same time, a group of Chhatra Dal activists held a separate sit-in programme a short distance away from the administrative building, escalating tensions on the campus.

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