

## Govt urged to take over Ctg Arts College

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One hundred and fortythree educationists, intellectuals and journalists in a joint statement on Friday urged the Government to allot the house and land now in possession of Chittagong College of Arts for the college and also for its immediate taking over by the Government. The college was set up back in 1973 and it is being run by the generous members of the public of Chittagong. Six batches of students have passed their B A F degree from the college affiliated with the Chittagong University.

In the past there were efforts and file work for nationalisation of Chittagong Arts College but for unknown reason the decision is yet to be materialised, the statement said. A section of the vested interest has been active since long for grabbing the property and land which is now under the possession of the college. If immediate step is not taken it is feared that the college might be closed down.

The signatories to the statement include—Prof Anisuzzaman, Mr Golam Mostafa Prof. Mutaza Bashir of Arts College Prof Harunur Rashid of English Department, Mr Zia Haider of Chittagong University Prof Abdul Mannan Management Department Mr Kamrul Hasan, eminent artist Mr Rashid Chowdhury Mr Abdur Razzak, Mr Qayyum Chowdhury, Mr Rafiqun Nabl, Mr Hashem Khan, Syed Jahangir Mr Mostafa Monwar, Dr Sirajul Islam Chowdhury of Dhaka University, Mr Borhanuddin Khan Jahangir, Prof Kabir Chowdhury, Prof Ahmed Sharif, Prof Abdur Razzak, Dr Enamul Hossain, Director, National Museum Mr. Dobbdas Chakravorty and poet Shamsur Rahman.

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