

Shift Ershad to jail within 24 hrs: APSU

The All Party Students Unity (APSU) Sunday gave a 24-hour ultimatum to the caretaker government for shifting ousted President Ershad to the Central Jail, reports UNB.

APSU Sunday led a march towards Gulshan to gherao the swank Gulshan villa of the toppled President Ershad now interned in.

Hundreds of leaders and workers of the student alliance brought out a militant procession from Dhaka University campus at 12 noon to press for prompt shifting of Ershad to the central jail and trial of the "killer" in a special tribunal.

The APSU demands also include arrest and trial of the corrupt associates of the ousted regime including the ministers, MPs bureaucrats, armed hoodlums of the Jatiya Party

and recovery of unauthorised weapons.

The procession, led by to ranking DUCSU and APSU leaders which marched through Shahbag, Bangla Motor, Farmgate, was stopped by barbed-wire road blocks near the President's Secretariat where heavy contingent of riot police was deployed.

A section of students from the procession crossed the road blocks and began running along the road chanting anti-Ershad slogans.

Section 144, banning processions and assembly of more than five diplomatic zone in view of the mounting tension due to the Gulf war.

The students, who crossed the

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barricade, were critical of the APSU leaders for abandoning their march due to the blockade.

However, the dissidents later joined the blockade where the APSU staged a spontaneous sit-in demonstration and held a brief rally.

Speakers at the rally asked the interim government for an early shifting of the deposed President to the central jail and arrange for immediate trial.

Nasirudozza, General Secretary of pro-CPB Chhatra Union said "we demand his trial bacuse we accuse Ershad as a killer, a plunderer of national weath, a possessor of illegal fire arms and one who oppressed woman.

If the posh villa was given the status of a sub jail, he argued, then all the sub-jails of the country should be provided with such facility. There can not be any jail in the diplomatic enclave, he added.

The student leaders demanded that the "identified enemy of the people" should not be interned in their luxurious residences spending "crores of public money."

If he is not shifted by 10 a.m. today (Monday) no protection would be able to save the "notorious Ershad" the speakers at the rally vowed indicating that the students community would do justice to him.

The rally was also addressed by DUCSU AGS Nazimuddin Alam, BCL (A-A) President Shah Alam, BCL (N-S) Secretary Shafi Ahmed, Jatiya Chhatra League Secretary S.M. Kamal Hussain, Chhatra League (S-S) President Abdus Sattar Khan, Chhatra Mukti President Mosharraf Hossain and Ganatantrik Chhatra Union President Akhter Sobhan Mashrur.

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