

DU woman hall Cancellation of name after Khaleda demanded

The BCL-led anti-terrorism and non-communal student alliance on Wednesday demanded that the decision of the Dhaka University Senate to change the name of the proposed Sufia Kamal Hall as Begum Khaleda Zia Hall be re-

scinded, reports UNB.

Their demand came from a press conference arranged by the alliance, comprising BCL and left-leaning six student organisations, at DUCSU Bhaban.

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Chhatra League (ISD) president Shariful Kabir Swapan read out a written statement on behalf of the alliance at the news conference.

BCL president Liakot Sikder, general secretary Nazrul Islam Babu and Chhatra Moitri president Rafiqul Islam, among others, were present at the press conference.

To solve the accommodation problem of the DU female students, former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina had allocated four acres of land near Curzon Hall for the construction of a dormitory and a committee of the university unanimously named it as Begum Sufia Kamal Hall, they said.

But the government-backed Senate members in the face of a conspiracy by the DU administration recently renamed the proposed hall after Khaleda Zia, they told reporters.

They said no dormitory of the Dhaka University has been named after any alive person since the country's independence.

"We strongly protest the move as the proposed hall has been named after a noble woman, who was one of the pioneers of women rights movement in the country," Liakot Sikder said.