

BCL asks Selim to return hall

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Jagannath University students staged demonstrations for the second consecutive day yesterday, demanding the return of their dormitory allegedly occupied by lawmaker Haji Mohammad Selim.

Several hundred students led by the Bangladesh Chhatra League took to the street around 12:00 noon, and blocked roads at Ray Saheb Bazar by burning tyres.

The demonstration continued for over an hour, creating huge traffic congestion in the area, witnesses said.

Independent lawmaker Selim had long occupied the university's Tibet Hall, protesters said.

Sirajul Islam Siraj, general secretary of the BCL JnU unit, said the students had been demonstrating to get back the hall.

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They laid siege to administrative building of the university around 1:30pm, and submitted a memorandum to the authorities.

They would also submit memoranda to home and land ministers on Sunday for recovering the dormitory, the protesters added.

"We have given 15 days to the university authorities. If we do not see any development by this time, we will go for tougher movement including abstention from classes and exams, peaceful road blocking," said the BCL leader.

JnU Vice Chancellor Dr Mizanur Rahman said they would contact the land ministry and other authorities concerned soon to get back the dormitory.