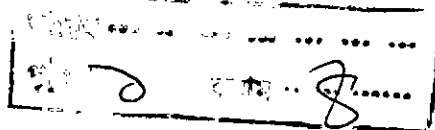


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## Protest against tree cutting on DU campus continues

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Students of Dhaka University under the banner of Students' Unity Against Unplanned Installation on Thursday held demonstrations on the campus protesting felling of trees to construct Iran-Bangladesh Centre for Persian Studies in front of the university's Central Library.

The protesters brought out a procession from Madhu's Canteen and held a rally at the construction site.

Speakers at the rally said ignoring the opinions of students the process of felling down the trees in the darkness of night goes against the practice of democracy on the campus.

The move of such unplanned construction was a continuation of ongoing process of destroying the state-property by the authorities and pro-government cadres. It would trigger another bloody clash like the BUET tragedy, they feared.

After the rally the protesters planted several sapling there.

Meanwhile, DU authorities in an explanation termed the activities of the dissenting students as contrary to the university's rules and regulations and discipline.

According to the authorities as a few students and outsiders opposed the move to construct the building. The university Syndicate, Site Selection Committee and the university's top academic body Academic Council discussed their arguments. All the bodies ruled out the protesters' logic and

agreed that the selected site is perfect for constructing the Centre for Persian Studies, the explanation added.

Referring to tree felling and environment issue, the authorities said a master-plan of planting 10,000 saplings on the campus has already been taken.

The authorities also warned the protesters to take legal actions as per the university regulations if they did not abstain from creating anarchy and making objectionable and derogatory remarks about the authorities.