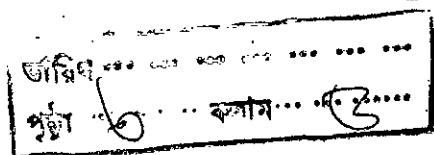


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## news Construction of building on DU campus for Persian studies protested

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Controversy in Dhaka University over construction of a multi-storied building at the strip between the Central Library and DUCSU Building is gradually growing.

Some students of the university under the banner of Students Unity Against Unplanned Construction (SUAUC) launched a signature campaign, held demonstrations and submitted memorandum to the authorities against destruction of trees and construction of a building in the tiny space.

On the contrary, the university authorities say the site is only suitable to construct Bangladesh-Iran Centre for Persian Studies, at a cost of Taka 50 million. The money will be received from Iranian government as grant.

The university officials at a meeting on Wednesday termed the anti-construction campaign as a "sentiment of some witty students". They also called it as "propaganda to divert the attention of the common students to wrong direction".

The meeting said that the vested quarters pulling the black string from behind to provoke some environmentalist to create anarch on the campus.

Noted Iranian architect planned the building without hampering the natural beauty and the multi-purpose building would benefit students of different departments, the meeting said.

The meeting said only 10 to 12 trees might be uprooted for constructing the proposed building.