

## Hold press conference outside DU campus

*Authorities ask affiliated college students as they try to enter Madhur Canteen to present demands*

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The Dhaka University authorities yesterday barred students of seven affiliated colleges from holding a press conference on the campus, regarding publication of their honours final examination results.

More than 30 students gathered on the campus to hold the conference at Madhur Canteen and place their five-point demand.

Shah Poran Ripon, a student of Government Kabi Nazrul College, said, "The university has failed to publish our results even nine months after the exams were completed."

"As we went to Madhur Canteen... some students of DU obstructed us from entering."

Later, DU Proctor Prof M Amzad Ali asked them to leave the place and hold the conference elsewhere, he said.

"We have the right to organise a press conference on the campus as the seven colleges are affiliated with DU," he added.

Imam Hasan, one of the DU students who obstructed them, said, "We stopped them because they did not take permission from the university authorities."

"In order to avoid any untoward situation, we did not let them enter Madhur Canteen until the proctor arrived," he added.

Talking to reporters, Proctor Amzad Ali said, "We asked the students to hold the press conference outside of the campus as the campus is only for the university students, and we only have academic relations with the affiliated colleges."

"Earlier, none of the colleges affiliated with DU ever held a press conference at Madhur Canteen," he said.

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Later, the students gathered in front of the National Museum at Shahbagh and presented their demands including publication of honours final and third year exam

results, withdrawal of a police case filed against 1,200 students following their July 20 Shahbagh protest, creating separate websites for the colleges, preparing academic calendars, and publishing 'class routine

for third year students.

With the same demands, they will organise a protest rally at the Central Shaheed Minar of the capital on Sunday and submit a memorandum to the president.