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Closure of DUCA

VC's office cordoned by BCL activists

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Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the student wing of opposition Awami League, cordoned the Dhaka University Vice Chancellor's office on Tuesday protesting the closure of DUCA, a computer centre run by some students.

The BCL leaders told the demonstration in front of the VC Office that the Dhaka University Computer Association (DUCA) was launched to introduce the university students to the latest information and communication technology. Students demanded to affiliate the DUCA into the university, but the administration did not pay heed to the demand, they alleged.

The government's policy of trimming education was reflected in the authorities' move, the leaders said.

The authorities put the DUCA under lock and key over a rumour of misappropriation of funds, they said. The corrupt persons must be punished, but closing the institution can not be the solution of any financial crime by any DUCA executive, they added.

The leaders demanded of the authorities to reopen DUCA immediately.