

Construction of DU dorm halts after BCL demands toll

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The construction of a five-storey residential building at Jagannath Hall of Dhaka University (DU) has been halted as leaders and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) demand toll from the concerned authorities.

The construction of the dormitory started on June last. Around 1000 students of the rundown East Building, which was identified as vulnerable to natural disasters, including earthquake, and declared unsafe for living in 2006, would be shifted to the new building.

The building is being constructed in between the hall pond and Udayan High School at an estimated cost of around Tk 14 crore.

Talking to The Daily Star, Jagannath Hall Provost Prof Ajoy Kumar Das admitted that the construction has remained stopped for last three days due to the demand of toll by some activists of a student body.

Quoting engineer and conductor of the work, he said a team of eight to 10 BCL activists on Monday asked supervisors and labourers to stop the work and demanded their toll.

They also threatened engineers, contractors and supervisors saying that something miserable will happen to them if their demand is not met soon, the provost added.

He said the university authorities would take strong action if anyone tries to stop the work once again.

Prof Ajoy, however, expressed hope that the construction of the building will begin today.