

**RU students to  
boycott classes,  
exams today  
protesting  
hiked fees**

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Agitating students of Rajshahi University (RU) will boycott all classes and examinations today demanding immediate withdrawal of the university authorities' decision to increase fees and cancellation of the evening masters programmes.

Over a thousand students under the banner of "Teachers and Students of the University" laid siege to the administrative building from 11:00am to 1:00pm yesterday.

Addressing a short rally afterwards, the students

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declared that they will boycott all classes and examinations today.

They also threatened to launch an indefinite strike if their demands are not met immediately.

On December 22 last year, the university syndicate made the decision to increase different fees of the university which will come into effect from February 1.

Honours examination fee will increase from Tk 50 to Tk 100, course development fee from Tk 100 to Tk 500, certificate withdrawal fee from Tk 200 to Tk 500 and mark-sheet withdrawal fee from Tk 225 to Tk 600.

Earlier this month, the university authorities introduced evening courses at seven departments under the social science faculty.

Contacted, RU VC Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin said the authorities formed a committee to discuss the issues with the students.