



Students seeking admission in medical and dental colleges start a fast unto death at Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka on Wednesday, demanding fresh intake test scrapping the recent one. — New Age photo

Medical admission seekers start fast unto death

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THE demonstrating admission seekers of medical and dental colleges started a fast unto death programme at the Central Shaheed Minar in Dhaka on Wednesday morning demanding fresh tests for enrolling students in the MBBS and BDS courses and scrapping the recently held tests and ongoing admission process.

Around 60 candidates and their guardians started the strike to press home their demands.

The agitating demonstrators said they would continue their hunger strike until the health ministry fulfilled

their demand for retaking the admission tests.

The organisers of the programme said in the evening that many of the protestors fall sick due to fasting.

Left leaning student organisations, academicians, intellectuals, politicians and students of different educational institute expressed their solidarity with the protesting students.

Bangladesh Chhatra Union president Lucky Akhter demanded proper investigation into the death of the UCC official and the question paper leak incident in the interest of identifying the real culprits and ensuring justice

to the protesting students.

Muhamenul Islam Neon, one of the organisers of the movement said they would go for tougher agitation if the government did not meet their logical demands.

Ashraf Kamal, father of an admission seeker sought the prime minister's intervention to resolve the ongoing crisis.

The aspirants of medical and dental colleges had been demonstrating to press home their four-point demand that included taking measures to prevent question paper leak and forgery, cancellation of recently held medical and dental admission tests and

exemplary punishment for the perpetrators.

They announced the fast unto death programme at a press briefing at the Central Shaheed Minar on Tuesday as the government yet to meet their demands.

The results of MBBS and BDS admissions tests, with a success rate of 58.4 per cent, were published on September 20, sparking protests by students and their parents on allegation of question leak.

The protesting students alleged that the questions were made available to a large number of students on September 17, a day before the exams.