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Awami League General Secretary Abdul Jalil addresses a rally in front of the party office in the city yesterday.

AL rejects govt move to increase JS seats

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The opposition Awami League would not accept any constitutional amendment to increase parliament seats to 450 as the government was taking all decisions unilaterally, the AL leaders said at a rally in the city yesterday.

The move to raise seats in the Jatiya Sangsad was designed to divert people's attention from the 15-point demand placed by the AL, they said.

They also rejected the proposal to raise the number of reserved seats for women to 50 without any provision of direct election.

AL General Secretary Abdul Jalil said the 15-point demand was a prelude to the 'oust-government' movement.

If the government does not meet the demands by February 10, a dawn-to-dusk countrywide hartal would be enforced on February 12, he said, adding that a tough action programme would be announced on the day.

Jalil said the move to increase parliament seats was nothing but to ensure election victory by demarcating the constituencies where the AL has majority votes.

Presided over by City AL President Mohammad Haniif, the rally was also addressed by Abdur Razzak, Tofail Ahmed, Mohammad Nasim, Suranjit Sengupta and Mofazzal Hossain Chowdhury Maya.

Death anniversary

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Today is the second death anniversary of Sambid Chakma, a college student who was abducted and killed in 2002.

His body was recovered from deep jungle in Khagrachhari on this day in 2002 after 12 days of abduction.

Son of Padmalochan Chakma of Harinathpara in Khagrachhari, Sambid was a second-year student of Chittagong Ranirhat College.

His family members alleged that the members of Parbatya Chattagram Jano Sanghati Samity abducted him in the evening on January 8, 2002.

A religious programme will be held at Rajban Bihar in Khagrachhari today.

