

JCD leaders agitate to continue their illegal practice

Eden College authorities say

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Eden College unit leaders of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of the ruling BNP, yesterday demanded removal of the principal on charges of alleged corruption and admission fee-hike.

Under the banner of 'General Students', they brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus in support of their demands.

Addressing the rally, the JCD leaders accused the principal of misappropriating the college fund for buying computers and books for the library.

The agitation by a section of students for removal of the principal began when the authorities asked a student, who was ousted by the JCD leaders from room no 508 of Jebunnesa Hostel on April 14, to stay at her allotted room.

The college authorities said the JCD leaders are agitating as they fear that they will not be able to continue their illegal practice of taking money from the freshers in exchange of hostel seats.

Another reason behind the agitation is the formation of hostel committees by the authorities at Jebunnesa and Razia Begum Hostels with 20 representatives of general students for each hall on April 15.

The JCD leaders and workers were not included in the committees as the students did not propose their names due to their illegal activities.

Many of the teachers said the agitation against the principal began when the authorities attempted to allot seats to the students at different dormitories on the basis of their merit and need.

Meanwhile, a group of JCD leaders and workers misbehaved with the hostel superintendent of Jebunnesa hostel on April 15.

The Academic Council and the Teachers' Parishad, at an emergency meeting, decided to take stern action against them.

Principal Prof Dilara Hafiz told The Daily Star yesterday that the hostel establishment charge for three years was raised from Tk 2,125 to Tk 4,500 to provide more facilities to the students.

This was done about six months ago after discussing the matter with the members of the Hostel Committee and Academic Council, she said, adding that at that time no one agitated.

Refuting all allegations, Prof Dilara said the JCD students want to establish their supremacy at the college, but we will not allow them to continue their illegal activities.

"The JCD leaders are lodging complaints against me as I have become a barrier on the way of their illegal activities and businesses," she added.

