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## 'Include article on Dalit community in constitution'

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Bangladesh Dalit and Excluded Rights Movement yesterday demanded inclusion of a special article in the constitution to ensure citizens' right, human dignity and social security of the Dalit community.

They raised the demand at a human chain formed in front of the National Museum at Shahbagh in the city.

Members of Dalit community and development activists also demanded issuing of constitutional directives to all government and non-government organisations to remove existing discriminations against Dalit community.

Speaking at the programme, Dalit community leader and President of the movement Mukul Sikder said as many as 55 lakh members of Dalit community are working at different towns and cities in the country in over 100 professions.

They are facing discrimination and humiliation in various phases in the society only because of birth in Dalit community and of professional identities and are compelled to adopt professions that are recognised as of low standard, he added.

On similar demands, the movement's representatives submitted a memorandum on October 5 before the special parliamentary committee for amending the constitution, says a press release.

Nagorik Udyak, a human rights organisation, took part with the movement in arranging the human chain where representatives from Bangladesh Dalit Human Rights and Dalit Nari Forum also participated, expressing their solidarity to the demand.

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