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Former leaders drive IU BCL president out of campus

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Former leaders and activists of Islamic University unit Bangladesh Chhatra League, student wing of ruling Awami League, ousted the incumbent president of the university from the campus on Saturday.

There had been a long standing dispute between the supporters of the university unit Chhatra League's incumbent president SM Robiul Islam Polash and former assistant secretary of the unit Faisal Siddiqi Arafat over establishing supremacy on the campus.

On the day, Robiul along with 10 to 12 activists came to the organisation's tent from Kushtia around 10:00am after several days' absence due to their internal problems.

At that time Faisal along with around 200 supporters including Jubayer, Bipul, Shahjalal Shohag and Tushar, who did not get any posts in the incumbent committee, went to the tent and locked in an altercation with Robiul and his supporters.

Faisal's supporters at one stage forced Robiul to leave the campus and brought out a procession on the campus.

SM Robiul Islam Polash told New Age that they went to the campus for distributing leaflet demanding punishment of the killers of BUET student Abrar. The rebel activists misbehaved with them as they were drunk, he said.

'The way they behaved with us as is not acceptable as activists Chhatra League ,' he added.

Denying the allegation, Faisal said he was not present there on that time.

Chhatra League acting general secretary Lekhak Bhattacharjee told New Age that they were trying to solve the problem among the university unit Chhatra League after discussing with the both groups.

On September 20, a group of about 200 former leaders and activists of Chhatra League led by Jobayer Al-Mahmood and Faisal Siddique Arafat brought out a procession on the campus and tried to swoop on university unit Chhatra League general secretary Rakibul Islam Rakib with sharp weapons but Rakib managed to flee the scene.

Apprehending troubles after the incident, the university authorities imposed ban on all types of processions and rally on the campus for a day on September 21.

The Chhatra League leaders and activists demonstrated on the campus for a long time after a reported audio conversation between Rakib and an unidentified person went viral on social media where they talked about bribery, corruption and the processes how Rakib had been running a racket of graft on the campus, in court and offices, and inside Chhatra League.