

BCL posters appear at places on DU campus

DUCSU leaders besiege proctor's office in protest

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Posters of Bangladesh Chhatra League, the student wing of the Awami League, were put up on walls at several locations on the Dhaka University campus on Friday night.

The posters of the banned student organisation demanded 'unconditional release of all political prisoners of Bangladesh Chhatra League'.

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The BCL posters appeared on the university campus when leaders and activists of the Awami League were continuing to open offices at places in the country after more than 18 months of closure since the ouster of the party from power on August 5, 2024 amid a student-led mass uprising.

Protesting at the incident, the Dhaka University Central Students' Union on Saturday besieged the proctor's office on the campus.

DUCSU leaders at the demonstration urged the authorities to review CCTV footage within 24 hours, identify those responsible for putting up the posters and bring them to book.

DUCSU leaders took position in front of the proctor's office at about 1:00pm and chanted slogans against Chhatra League and the Awami League and demanded punishment for the organisations' leaders and activists who tortured and killed students and common people during the 2024 mass uprising.

During the programme, a delegation of the protesters met proctor Saifuddin Ahmed to place their demands. The proctor said that had the authorities known earlier about the poster campaign, steps could have been taken.

He added that the concerned security officials had been instructed to verify the identities of the on-duty guards and take necessary action, while the provosts and the estate office had also been asked to prepare a list.

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Speaking to reporters after coming out of the proctor's office, DUCSU social welfare secretary Zubair Bin Nesary, better known as AB Zubair, said that the banned Chhatra League had not only put up posters the previous night but had also carried out provocative activities on the campus earlier.

'We have given the proctor 24 hours to check the CCTV footage and identify those involved...There will be no compromise with those who have shed students' blood,' he added.

At the night following Friday, a video of the posters displayed on the campus was shared on the Facebook page of Mazharul Kabir Shayan, the president of the banned organisations Dhaka University unit.