

Student leaders for withdrawal of cases filed by Ershad govt

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Former student leaders, who formed the Central Student Action Committee in 1982, demanded immediate withdrawal of cases filed against them on charge of waging movement against the autocratic Ershad rule.

Addressing a Press conference at the National Press Club on Sunday, former DUCSU-VP and one of the architects of the Action Committee, Akhtaruzzaman alleged that the BNP Government revived the cases against the 16 former student leaders.

He said that 16 former student leaders were recently summoned to attend a Special Tribunal Court to face the charges brought against them by the former autocratic Ershad government.

"By reviving the cases filed against former student leaders by Ershad government, the present government has disregarded the glorious student movement against martial law of Ershad and it reflects the government's self-contradiction and tension," he added.

Mr. Akhtaruzzaman said that the present government after coming to power, through an election held after the mass upsurge that toppled the autocrat Ershad, committed to withdraw all cases filed against student leaders during the Ershad regime. But the present government did not fulfil the pledge yet, he said adding that instead it revived cases against student leaders.

He also demanded withdrawal of all cases filed against all student leaders, activists and workers during the Ershad regime.

Former student leaders Fazlur Rahman, Fazle Hossain Badshah, Khondakar Mohammad Faroque, Muniruddin Ahmed, K.M. Jahangir, MP, Anwarul Huq, Mostafa Jalal Mohiuddin, Mukul Bose, Abul Hasib Khan, Shahidul Islam, former DUCSU General Secretary Moshtak Hossain and Iqbal Hossain Raju, among others were present at the Press conference.

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