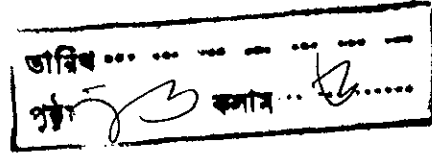


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JCD ousts outsiders from Zia Hall of DU

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Following the tremendous pressure from the government and its grass-root level, the ruling BNP's student wing Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) cleansed outsiders only from Ziaur Rahman Hall of the Dhaka University on Tuesday night.

The hall sources said JCD President Nasiruddin Pintu conducted the cleaning drive in the dormitory after a strict directive from the BNP high command.

Pintu rushed to the hall at about 10:00 p.m and ousted all the outsiders after 24 hours of the BNP high command's directive, sources said.

The outsiders of JCD still remained in other dormitories of the university till Wednesday evening.

Supporters of Zakir and Asad, leaders of two rival factions of JCD, have been jointly dominating Zia Hall since the October 1 elections. Zakir, widely known as "Slap Zakir" on the campus, was allegedly blessed by Pintu himself.

After removing the outsiders, Pintu seized the cell-phones of both Zakir and Asad and took them with him at about 10:30 p.m for a re-conciliation between the two faction leaders.

Common supporters of JCD in the University demand elimination of neo-outsiders from the university halls after the evacuation of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists.

After capturing the university dormitories on October 2, JCD was facing an inner conflict over dominating the halls as well as allowing the outsiders on the campus.

Following the first Cabinet meeting of the BNP-led coalition government on Monday, the BNP high-ups asked the JCD leaders to uphold the organisation, insiders said.

This was the JCD president's first visit to Dhaka University after the October 1 general elections.

Pintu came to the campus on Wednesday for the second time, but did not attend the scheduled VC Office Blockade programme of JCD. The student-leader-cum-lawmaker visited the campus on board a Toyota Crown delux car.

At the VC Office blockade programme, JCD leaders stuck to their demand for the resignation of VC Prof AK Azad Chowdhury.

Leaders and activists of two JCD factions ventilated their grievances against the JCD president's partisan role saying, "He ousted most of his rival faction cadres and saved his own cadres."

Mustafizul Islam Mamun, General Secretary of DU unit of JCD was blamed for patronising the terrorists in the university dormitories.