

## JCD slates govt for not allowing BNP leaders to hold programme at TSC

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) leaders Monday strongly criticized the government for not allowing them to hold Independent Day function with BNP senior leaders at the TSC of Dhaka University, reports UNB.

"Without the BNP senior leaders we cannot hold Independent Day programme," acting JCD president Sultan Salauddin Tuku told an impromptu press briefing on the DU campus after canceling the function schedule.

Showing the permission letter from DMP, Tuku said, the programme was scheduled after taking the legal permission from Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP), but the administration restricted them from holding the function.

BNP senior leaders, including RA Gani, Brig (retd) Hannan Shah, Goyeswar Chandra Roy, Shamsuzzaman Dudu and Ruhul Kabir Resvi Ahmed were among others invited to participate in the discussion meeting at 11 am today at the TSC auditorium, the JCD leaders said.

Describing the present caretaker government as "undemocratic", JCD general secretary Shaiful Bari Babu alleged that the government curbed people's freedom of expression. "As citizens of an independent state, the government has deprived us of all rights," he said.

Babu also fulminated that the government, on "imaginary allegations" detained the BNP leaders.

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including its chairperson and ex-PM Begum Khaleda Zia and senior joint secretary general Tarique Rahman and JCD president Azizul Bari Helal.

He vowed to free the BNP chairperson through movement in the country with the help of general students. "Democracy has to be established in Bangladesh after freeing our leader Begum Khaleda Zia," said the student-front leader of the immediate-past ruling party.

JCD leaders Joyenta Kumar Kundu, Nurul Islam Nayan, Akhramul Hoque Biplob and Abdul Kader Bhuiyan Jewel, among others, were present at the press briefing.