

Internal feud still on DU BCL trying to form hall committees

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The decision about the proposed movement to free detained ex-prime minister and Awami League (AL) president Sheikh Hasina by the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) of Dhaka University is yet to take any shape mainly due to the dilly dally in the formation of the new BCL central committee, the hall committee and the internal feud.

The BCL got divided into two groups over these pending issues. Leaders and activists are now

watching the overall situation on DU campus. The campus has yet to recover the recent crisis caused by series of clashes between two factions of BCL.

The present BCL central committee led by Mahmud Hasan Ripon as the president had pledged to continue their movement for freeing Sheikh Hasina. But their rival group known as 'dissidents' wants the formation of the proposed BCL central com-
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mittee first.

"Our movement for freeing Sheikh Hasina got jolted due to internal feud," said BCL DU unit President Sheikh Sohel Rana Tipu. A group of government's agents is trying to stop the movement and create an unstable situation on the campus, he claimed.

"We'll resume our movement soon after overcoming the present crisis," he further said. About formation of the BCL Hall committee, he said that it is necessary to form the hall unit committees. "To activate our party fully, we're optimistic about uniting them to create a ground of activity in dormitories," he maintained.

The dissident group members who did not get posts in the past central committee were however continuing their activity on the campus to establish their supremacy. They demanded immediate formation of a new committee and declared BCL President Mahmud Hasan Ripon persona non-grata on the campus. The present BCL central committee was formed on April 6, 2006.

Series of clashes between the two factions of BCL occurred on the campus a few days back. These left several activists injured. Since then onward, no top leaders were seen on the campus.

The BCL mainstream group is run by BCL President Mahinud Hasan Ripon. Acting General Secretary Abul Kalam Azad and BCL DU unit President Sohel Rana Tipu and its General Secretary Sazzad Saqib Badsha. On the other hand, BCL dissident group is run by Delwar Hossain, Mizanur Rahman Mizan, Mahfuz and Akbaruzzaman.

Meanwhile, the demand of forming the hall committees of DU's BCL is gaining ground. The BCL activists are now waiting to revive the inactive hall committees. Each hall committee is comprised of 41 members. With the rising demand to hold the elections to Dhaka University Central Students' Union (DUCSU), their activities seem to be getting momentum.

Potential candidates are taking preparation in their respective dormitories to win top posts in the upcoming hall committees. They are continuing to make showdown in dormitories and on the campus.

The 51-member BCL DU unit working committee was formed on November 8, 2006 making Sheikh Sohel Rana Tipu and Sazzad Saqib Badsha the President and General Secretary respectively.

On Saturday, a group of BCL leaders met with Acting DU Vice-chancellor Prof. AFM Yusuf Haider at his office. They asked the VC to take initiative to restore educational atmosphere on the campus. The VC assured them and sought cooperation from all. They discussed about the overall situation on the campus. BCL DU unit President Sohel Rana Tipu and its General Secretary Sazzad Saqib Badsha, Jashimuddin Bhuiyan and Abdullah Al Mamun were present at the meeting.