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## Former BCL leaders protest remarks of Tareq Zia

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Former leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) strongly protested the remarks made by Tareq Rahman about opposition leader Sheikh Hasina and asked him to refrain from making such audacious remarks against the opposition leader.

In a joint statement on Tuesday, the former student leaders said that Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia and her cabinet colleagues were not only making such audacious and scandalous remarks against the Awami League President but also provoking Tareq Zia to speak against opposition leader.

They said that Tareq Zia had apparently confessed that he was monitoring different activities of the government from "Hawa Bhaban". The countrymen want to know under which authority and jurisdiction Tareq Zia was monitoring the activities of the government, they questioned.

The former student leaders said that the "Hawa Bhaban" is known to the countrymen as a "Commission Bhaban" and this Bhaban has been used as "commission agent". There is an allegation that "Hawa Bhaban" collects fund of taka thousands of crore through negotiating different official matters including appointment, promotion and transfer of government officials and employees, and distribution of government tenders, they added.

The signatories to the statement include Abdur Rahman, Shahe Alam, Asim Kumar Ukil, Ahmed Hossain, SM Kamal Hossain, Shafi Ahmed, Kamruzzaman Ansari, Moinuddin Hasan Chowdhury, Iqbalur Rahim, Ishaq Ali Khan Panna and Bahadur Bepari.

Muktijoddha Sagram Parishad and Bangladesh Chhatra League in separate statements on Tuesday said that the remarks of Tareq Zia have made it clear that he has been playing a key role in the government's policy-making process.