



## Liakat, Nazrul other BCL leaders released

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After long eight months the detained top leaders of opposition Awami League's student front Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Liakat Sikder and Nazrul Islam Babu were released on Saturday night.

They got bail from the High Court on Wednesday in the sixth murder case filed against them. The authorities concerned signed the legal papers for their release after three days of the court order. Former Law Minister Advocate Abdul Matin Khasru took all relevant papers and made the authorization by magistrate concerned in the late afternoon on Saturday for their release. Completing the necessary procedure, the papers reached to Dhaka Central Jail in the evening and the BCL leaders were released at 7:00 pm.

Former Law Minister Abdul Matin Khasru, Chief Whip of the opposition Abdush Shahid and AL lawmaker from Gazipur Tanjim Ahmed Sohel, central and Dhaka University unit leaders of BCL received the leaders at the jail gate. Several hundred BCL activists gathered at the jail gate. Amid

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thunderous slogans of the jubilant BCL activists Liakat and Babu came out of the gate.

Another detained leader BCL vice president Rafiqul Islam Kotwal, will also be released from Gazipur jail today (Sunday).

BCL president Liakat Sikder, general secretary Nazrul Islam Babu and vice president Rafiqul Islam Kotwal were arrested along with 16 others on February 26 when they were coming out from Awami League President Sheikh Hasina's residence after exchanging Eid greetings.

Just after release, the BCL leaders rushed to Bangabandhu Memorial Museum to place wreaths at the portrait of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Police escorted the leaders. The BCL supporters followed them all the way in a huge procession.

Extra contingents of police were deployed on the Dhaka University campus and neighbouring areas to avert any untoward incident.

After placing wreath Liakat and Babu went to a private hospital for treatment.

Although the BCL leaders were granted bail earlier the authorities put eight cases, including six murder cases, one after another against them and delayed their release. In the last case a division bench of the High Court granted bail and asked the government to release them if there was no case against them.

Keeping them in jail councilors at the 16th BCL National Council elected Liakat Sikder and Nazrul Islam Babu as president and general secretary.