

## DU students demand DUCSU election

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Amid the 12-year vacuum in the representation of general students of Dhaka University, the main student bodies, in principle, demanded immediate elections to the Dhaka University Central Students' Union (DUCSU).

Leaders of the two main student organisations - ruling BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and opposition Awami League-supported Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) - from different meetings demanded immediate holding of DUCSU elections.

Shahabuddin Laltu, just-selected JCD President, in a views exchange meeting with the University Correspondents of different newspapers and agencies on Saturday, said that holding of DUCSU election is must for the proper representation of the students. "And, Chhatra Dal is ready to participate in the polls anytime," he added.

On the other hand, BCL President Liakat Sikder from the 55th founding anniversary celebration of BCL at the Dhaka University (See Page 15 Col. 6)

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Aamta on Saturday also demanded immediate DUCSU polls "for the greater interest of the general students".

According to sources, the former BCL leaders and senior leaders of Awami League, in their forum meeting recently, agreed to be prepared for the DUCSU elections. The former Chhatra League leaders observe that as absence of some popular JCD leaders in the new central committee of JCD would favour the BCL for having a good result in the possible polls, the sources added.

The 1st elections to the university's student unions were held in 1990 just before the fall of General Ershad in a massive student upsurge. The then DUCSU played a vital role in the anti-Ershad movement that ultimately saw the end of eight-year autocrat regime.

In 1994, the then DU administration initiated to hold a DUCSU elections. But the attempt failed as BCL refused to participate in the polls for inconvenient campus environment.