

Hold DUCSU polls or resign, say former DUCSU leaders

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FORMER leaders of the Dhaka University Central Students Union who have become national politicians asked the DU's vice-chancellor to resign from if he fails to hold the long-awaited DUCSU elections immediately.

Former vice-presidents of DUCSU — Ferdous Ahmed Quraishi, ASM Abdur Rab, Mujahidul Islam Selim, Mahmudur Rahman Manna and general secretary Murhsed Ali — demanded immediate holding of DUCSU polls.

They were addressing a mass rally, organised by Shikkharti Adhikar Mancha, at the base of Aparajeyo Bangla on the campus.

Pointing out the importance of DUCSU, they called upon the university authorities to help create competent national leaders and establish the rights of all students.

It is the duty and responsibility of the vice-chancellor, AAMS Arefin Siddique, to hold the elections to establish the rights of all general students,' said ASM Abdur Rab.

He said that if the VC fails to do so, he should resign without delay.

Emphasising on the unity of the Adhikar Mancha, Rab asked both ruling party- and opposition party-backed student organisations to join the democratic movement on the campus.

The university authorities

must specify the date DUCSU of elections in the university academic calendar,' said Mujahidul Islam Selim.

Referring to the 'possibility' of a chaotic situation during the DUCSU elections which the authorities have mentioned at times, Selim urged the students to form 'volunteer committees to resist terrorists' in all departments and halls.

Lamenting the fact that only seven elections have been held in over 41 years since the War of Liberation, he stressed the need for the commitment of general students in supporting the movement for holding DUCSU polls.

Mahmudur Rahman Manna also expressed his

grievance against the attitude of the Awami League and Bangladesh Nationalist Party which have been ignoring DUCSU elections since the commencement of democratic government in 1990.

Citing the newly appointed Jahangirnagar University VC Anwar Hossain's assurance that elections would be held despite the 'chaotic' situation, he asked the DU authorities 'to hold it or quit'.

He asked the general students to reinforce the demonstration with more participants.

Ganasanghati Andalon's convener Zonayed Saki, former and present students and officials of the university also addressed the rally.