

# Now students do politics for money

*Say former student leaders*

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Criticising the recent activities of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), former student leaders yesterday said the morality of politically active students have degraded as they only affiliate themselves in politics for financial gains.

They were addressing a discussion organised by Praktan Chhatra League Foundation, a platform of former BCL leaders and activists, at Institute of Diploma Engineers, Bangladesh.

The programme was organised to commemorate March 2, 1971 the day Dhaka University Central Students' Union leaders hoisted the Bangladesh flag for the first time in Dhaka University.

"Nowadays there is no importance of merit and educational competence, rather obedience is the main source of student politics," said the foundation Convener Nur-e-Alam Siddiqi.

Former minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam said when students get elected as leaders, they directly go to the engineering office of the universities to get tender.

Ruling Awami League lawmaker Tofael Ahmed blamed the spilt among student leaders after the Liberation War for the killing of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in 1975.

The discussants urged the government to declare the student leaders who played vital roles during the pre-liberation period as national heroes.

Lt Col Nurunnabi Khan Bir Bikrom and former student leaders MA Rashid, Nurul Fazal and Mostafa Mohsin Montu also addressed the discussion.