

Liton slams RU VC for not providing job to party men

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AHM Khairuzzaman Liton, president of Rajshahi city Awami League, yesterday came down heavily on the vice-chancellor and pro vice-chancellor of Rajshahi University for not having his party-affiliated men recruited into the university administration.



"We provided you [VC and pro-VC] with a list [of jobseekers] some one and a half to two years ago. Where has it gone?" he said.

"Your qualifications did not make you the VC and the pro-VC. You have become the VC and the pro-VC as you do Awami League [politics].

"Can't you provide just 150 to 200 pro-liberation boys with jobs [now]?" he asked.

The former mayor of Rajshahi City Corporation was addressing a discussion, marking the jail killing day, organised by RU Chhatra League on the campus yesterday noon.

"...If we direct [our men], it will not

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take more than 24 to 48 hours for city Awami League to have you ousted," he threatened and said, "This [university] administration is ours."

He alleged that the BNP-Jamaat alliance, without paying heed to anything, had recruited 544 people at once (for different university posts) during its tenure. "Can't you do this for just 144 ones [now]? Have you become so transparent?" he said.

Later on, Liton called upon the leaders and supporters of BCL to follow the ideals of the four national leaders, killed inside Dhaka Central Jail on November 3, 1975.

Speaking there, Dablu Sarker, general secretary of Rajshahi city Awami

League, asked the RU authorities to appoint the BCL men, who were injured in attacks by Shibir men in the past, in the university administration.

Contacted, RU VC Prof Muhammad Mizanuddin told The Daily Star that some ruling party leaders were threatening him to appoint their men to different university posts, without considering their qualifications and university rules and regulations.

"Every appointment will be made as per the procedures," he added.

Pro-VC Prof Chowdhury Sarwar echoed him.

Both of them rejected the allegation of Liton that they became the VC and pro-VC due to their affiliation with the AL.