

7 leaders of JCD bodies not regular students

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None of the seven leaders of the newly formed central and Dhaka University committees of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), announced on Sunday night, are regular students.

Sources said these leaders were enrolled as students in different departments of Dhaka University before the 1990s, and their academic careers were expected to end within five to six years of admission.

But they are still students of the university, as they refrained from appearing in the final examinations to continue student politics.

At present, they are not students of the same departments that they enrolled themselves with more than a decade ago. They have taken admission to other departments

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 and institutes of the university.

Campus sources said about 50 leaders of the two leading student organisations -- the JCD and the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) -- admitted themselves to the newly introduced departments and institutes of Dhaka University over the last few years.

Admission procedures of these departments and institutes are different, and that helped the student leaders to get admission using their political influence. They also had the blessings of the university authorities.

President of the new central committee of the JCD, Shahabuddin Laltu got admission to the two-year diploma course at the Institute of Education and Research in 1989. He is now involved in a research project of the institute.

General secretary Azizul Bari Helal was a student of the soil science department of the university about 17 years ago. During all these years, he has managed to complete his honours courses. Helal claimed himself to be a student of Japanese Studies.

Sultan Salauddin Tuku and Shafiq Bari Babu, vice president and organising secretary of the newly formed central committee, entered the university 14 years ago. They are now students of the

Institute of Health Economics.

Selimuzzaman Selim, joint secretary, had his enrollment in the technology department in 1987. He took 16 years to complete his honours and masters courses. To retain his student status, he recently took admission to Japanese Studies.

The DU unit president of the JCD, Amirul Islam Alim is doing masters in sociology. He has been with the department for 14 years. His general secretary Mamun Hasan is now enrolled in the Institute of Health Economics, after completing masters in sociology in 12 years.

JCD leaders and workers are frustrated with the inclusion of aged and irregular students in both the central and DU unit committees of the JCD.

Over the years, the JCD has been dominated by non-students and outsiders. JCD activists were hoping for a change this time. BNP's Joint Secretary General Tarique Zia took the initiative to reorganise the JCD with only regular and genuine students.

Prime Minister Khaleda Zia also announced in public meetings that the JCD would be run by young, dedicated and regular students.

But both the new committees of the student organisation have been formed with aged and irregular students.