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## Internal rift surfaces within RUCSU over decision making

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Internal divisions within the Rajshahi University Central Students' Union have surfaced following a series of remarks by its general secretary Salahuddin Ammar, triggering sharp reactions from the vice-president and several other office bearers over decision-making and allegations of partisan dominance.

In a recent media interview, RUCSU general secretary Salahuddin Ammar alleged that opinions from representatives elected outside the panel backed by Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir were frequently ignored because most council members belonged to the same political bloc.



After a gap of 35 years, RUCSU elections were held on October 16 last year.

The Shibir-backed panel secured a dominant victory in the polls, winning 20 out of 23 posts, including the vice-president and assistant general secretary positions, while the remaining three posts went to independent and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal-backed candidates.

Ammar was elected as an independent candidate.

'Since three of us, including myself, are from different panels, our opinions are naturally not accepted,' Ammar alleged.

He also alleged that some programmes and guest selections within the student union were influenced by the vice-president.

'At times, RUCSU office bearers organise programmes and select guests in connection with the vice-president,' he said.

He further said that he avoided participating in certain activities in order to maintain transparency, claiming that he had deliberately skipped a recent seminar organised by the student union.

The controversy partly centres a RUCSU seminar titled 'Implementing the verdict of the referendum: the country at a critical juncture' held on April 6.

Lawyers Shishir Monir and Asaduzzaman Fuad attended the event as guest speakers.

According to sources, Ammar boycotted the programme after objecting to the inclusion of the name of defeated Shibir-backed general secretary candidate and current senate member Fahim Reza alongside his own name on the event banner.

RUCSU vice-president Mostakur Rahman Jahid in a statement posted on social media rejected Ammar's allegations, describing them as 'baseless and fabricated'.

Rejecting allegations that programmes and guest selections were influenced by him, Jahid said that office bearers independently organised programmes after obtaining approval from the RUCSU president in the presence of both the vice-president and the general secretary.

'RUCSU office bearers organise programmes according to their own decisions and invite me or Ammar as guests or discussants. This is how RUCSU functions now,' he said.

Jahid also accused Ammar of giving contradictory explanations regarding his absence from the seminar.

'He took leave from me citing personal reasons, but later told the media he intentionally skipped the event,' he said.

The vice-president further alleged that Ammar had repeatedly made misleading statements in the past.

'If he had paid as much attention to RUCSU activities as he does to making fabricated statements in the media, the work of the RUCSU office bearers would have become much easier,' he said.

RUCSU cultural affairs secretary Jahid Hossain Zoha also dismissed Ammar's allegations.

'Whenever anyone opposes his arbitrary behaviour, he interprets it as a position against him,' Zoha said.

He further alleged that Ammar had become increasingly focused on national politics rather than campus issues.

'He wants to gradually distance himself from campus affairs. Presenting himself as a marginalised figure is part of that strategy,' he said.

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