

Noor Hossain Day today Dissident BCL activists form DU unit Jubo Dal protest tomorrow

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Shaheed Noor Hossain Day will be observed across the country today with due respect to his martyrdom in the cause of ousting the then despot.

Different political, socio-cultural organisations and student bodies will mark the day through various programmes, including holding discussions and seminars and placing wreaths at Noor Hossain Square.

On this day in 1987 Noor Hossain was shot dead by the police during a demonstration against the autocratic rule of HMErshad.

In a message on the eve of the Shaheed Noor Hossain Day, Awami League (AL) President Sheikh Hasina yesterday said the supreme sacrifice of Noor Hossain had expedited the struggle for democracy into a mass upsurge that toppled the autocratic regime.

DU CORRESPONDENT

Dissident and deprived leaders of Bangladesh Chhatra League yesterday formed a committee for Dhaka University (DU) BCL unit, rejecting the new committee announced by the central BCL leaders on Tuesday night.

Shahadat Hossain Sujan, former vice-president of immediate past DU BCL unit, announced the names of 57

members of 101-member committee at a press conference at Teacher-Student Centre. M Mizanur Rahman and Gaffari Russell were made president and general secretary.

The committee comprises 18 vice-presidents, six joint general secretaries and six organising secretaries.

At the press conference, the dissident leaders claimed they are genuine representatives of the BCL at the

university. "During the last five years, we worked hard for the organisation, but we were deprived of any places on the central committee and the DU committee," said a leader.

Asked about the legitimacy of their committee, the dissident leaders said they formed the committee according to the BCL constitution and most members of the immediate past committee have supported it.

After the announcement of the committee, some 50 BCL leaders and workers took out a procession on the campus hailing the formation of the committee by the dissident leaders.

On Tuesday, BCL central leaders had announced the new DU BCL committee with Sohel Rana Tipu and Sazzad Saqib Badsha Mia as president and general secretary.

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Jatiyatabadi Jubo Dal, the youth front of BNP, will hold a 'youth rally' at Paltan Maidan in this month and will stage demonstrations in district and divisional headquarters tomorrow to protest anarchy across the country.

The announcement came from a press briefing held at Dhaka city BNP office yesterday. President of the organisation Barkat Ullah Bulu read out a written statement at the briefing and

declared the programmes and said they will hold the youth rally at any day from November 20 to 22 at city's Paltan Maidan.

"Awami League President wants to create a civil war and that's why they have stored arms, oars and sticks in their offices," he said.

Jubo Dal General Secretary Moazzem Hossain Alal, Khairul Kabir Khokon, Abdus Salam Azad, Jasim Uddin Mahmud, Ali Akkas Nadim and Moniruzzaman Manir were present.

