

# Internal feuds grip JCD, BCL

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Both Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student front of the main opposition Awami League (AL) and Jatiyatabdhi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of the ruling BNP, are currently beset with internal conflict and inertia in organisational activities.

Sources said the BCL central as well as DU units are now divided into two major groups led by President Liaqat Sikder and General Secretary Nazrul Islam Babur respectively.

Chaos and confrontation are also rife at DU unit of the BCL resulting in at least ten major clashes on the campus in recent months.

DU Unit President Delwar Hossain and General Secretary Hemayet Uddin Khan led two separate factions.

Conflicts at DU unit and different hall units, that play vital role in campus politics, have emerged in the

wake of the expiry of the tenure of existing committees. The one-year tenure expired in July last.

Liaqat said there is no internal clashes within the ranks of the party except the contests for leadership.

But, sources within the party said the recent attack on Abdul Hadi, organising secretary of Salimullah Hall unit of BCL took place following a series of earlier clashes among the two rival factions at DU unit.

Hadi, who belongs to Delwar Hossain faction, earlier beat Saiful Severe inside the Madhus' canteen.

Being annoyed with the poor organisational activities of the BCL, AL President Sheikh Hasina earlier dissolved the central committee and formed a 41-member steering committee with Liaqat Sikder as convener to make the party more dynamic.

Sources said most of the members of the central executive committee had virtually distanced themselves from organisational activities

and became busy with their personal business or interest.

Meanwhile, supremacy on the campus and distribution of seats at residential halls are the main reasons behind the internal feud at the JCD. The infighting have been geared up due to division among the top JCD leaders.

The hall unit committees play vital role on the campus politics but many of the hall unit leaders are now involved in intra-party clashes on the campus and dormitories.

As a result, the JCD DU unit had to expel about 100 leaders and workers from different hall units since the formation of the committees last year. The one-year tenure of these committees has also expired.

JCD sources said Central Organising Secretary Saiful Babu led 'Babu' faction, International Affairs Secretary Sayeed Iqbal Mahmud Tito led 'Titu' faction and DU unit President

Amirul Islam Khan led 'Alim' faction.

The infighting began last year after the formation of the committees where Tito-led faction got vital posts and virtually took over the control of campus politics.

There is no factional fighting inside the JCD but there is contest for leadership at the JCD's grassroots level. JCD General Secretary Azizul Bari Halal said, adding that clashes occur due to young blood, ego problems, personal liking and individual dominance at the hall units.

But, four leaders of the Mukti JCD Ziaur Rahman Hall unit of JCD were beaten up due to internal clashes on March 17. JCD President Shahabuddin Laltu asked its eight leaders and activists to leave the hall.

An enquiry committee has been constituted by the provost of the hall in this connection.

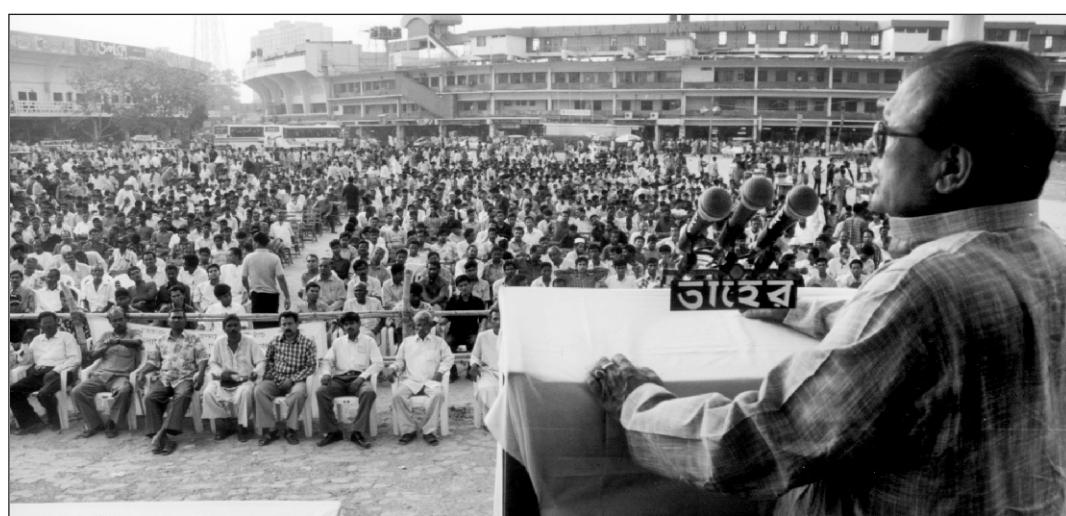


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Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal President Nur Alam Ziku addresses a rally at Paltan Maidan in the city yesterday demanding bicameral legislature, eight provinces and a federal government in the country.

## Jail reforms near completion

BSS, Dhaka

Jail reforms are nearing completion as 25 recommendations including arrangement for separate habitation for women and children prisoners of the cabinet committee was implemented during the last one and a half years.

Besides, 23 more decisions of the committee are now under implementation.

The 10th meeting of the committee was held yesterday with Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister Moudud Ahmed in the chair.

The section 35 of the criminal procedure code was amended so that counting of the awarded terms of a convicted prisoner would begin since his/her date of imprisonment.

It was told that construction work for the part of Kashimpur jail building and extension of Narayanganj, Munshiganj, Satkhira, Rajbari, Naogaon, Moulvibazar and Chittagong jails was completed.

Besides, a daycare centre for the children of the women prisoners has been opened at the Dhaka Central Jail.

Moreover, six separate and safe habitations for women and children prisoners were constructed in Dhaka, Chittagong, Rajshahi, Khulna and Sylhet cities, and Jessore town.

It was also informed that 10 posts of women doctors and 10 posts of nurses were created to provide better treatment for women and children prisoners.

## New director PR of DU

DU CORRESPONDENT



Md. Ashraf Ali Khan, Public Relations Officer of Dhaka University, has been appointed director of the public relations department.

The meeting sources said the main target of the government is now to improve the law and order situation in the city. The government will carry out operation across the country gradually.

The Dhaka Metropolitan Police (DMP) arrested 1014 people during the last three days. Of them, four were listed criminals. As many as 24

people were arrested in connection with criminal cases and 110 general record cases. One hundred and fifty-four people were arrested in regular cases while 666 under DMP ordinance and 52 under Section 54 of the CrPC.

Meanwhile, joint forces comprising police, paramilitary BDR and armed police detained 411 people during the time in block raids in the city. The arrestees include a listed

Criminal, four convicts and 86 in regular cases.

The plainclothes teams comprising police, members of the Detective Branch, Rapid Action Battalion and Rapid Action Team arrested 338 people during the period. The arrestees include 17 listed criminals, two warrants and 268 under DMP ordinance and Section 54 of the CrPC. They also recovered two stolen CNG auto-rickshaws.

The mobile courts fined over Tk 2.71 lakh for violating laws and jailed two persons for seven days each for breaking laws.

Inspector General of Police Shahidul Haque, Rab chief Anwarul Iqbal, Rab second-in-command Colonel Millat, and DMP deputy commissioners were present.

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