

Obaidul Quader administers oath to BCL men for refraining them from misdeeds

DU CORRESPONDENT

Awami League (AL) General Secretary Obaidul Quader yesterday administered oath to Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) leaders advising not to make headlines for all the wrong reasons.

A former BCL president, Obaidul said, "...become headlines of positive news. BCL will be returned to its prominence...Your words will lead, your speech will be authoritative."

Addressing a discussion BCL central executive committee organised at Bangla Academy marking Victory Day, he asked BCL leaders to be creative and not memorise speeches and not be a part of wrong deeds of "infiltrators".

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AL gen secretary gives CU BCL ultimatum to solve feud

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Awami League General Secretary Obaidul Quader has given a three-month ultimatum to the leaders of Chittagong University unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), to solve their internal feuding and urged the vice chancellor not to be partisan.

During a meeting at the house of Chittagong city unit AL President ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury on Sunday, he asked VC Prof Dr Iftekher Uddin Chowdhury why clashes occur frequently on the campus, said BCL leaders.

He urged the VC not to spare the BCL leaders who violate law.

"Why do the BCL leaders clash over tender? Why don't you go for e-tender? Why do you need to care about BCL leaders? Have they made you VC? You are the VC; you should not be

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Hundreds of maunds of wood are being illegally burnt every day to fuel brick kilns containing iron chimneys by the Doarika river in Barisal's Babuganj, with the law enforcing authorities apparently turning a blind eye to the environmental damage. The photo was taken recently.

PHOTO: ARIFUR RAHMAN

Trader killed after being attacked in Dhaka flat

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

A man was killed yesterday after he was attacked by unidentified miscreants in his Pabna colony flat in the capital's Malibagh.

With injuries to the head and other parts of the body, Abdus Sattar, 40, a trader of raw chemical dying products, died on the way to Dhaka Medical College Hospital, police quoted the victim's landlord Mahirul as saying.

He might have been hit with stones, said Abdul Mabud, inspector (investigation) of Shahjahanpur Police Station.

Abdus Sattar was home alone during the incident as his wife along with two sons and a daughter went to their Belkuchi village residence in Sirajganj on Friday, he added.

On information that Abdus Sattar was not responding to his younger son's cellphone calls, Mahirul first found him injured in the house, the gate of which was open, said the police official.

Later, Mahirul and his neighbours rushed him to the hospital where he was declared dead, said police who sent the body to the DMC morgue for autopsy.

They are investigating the murder, said the inspector, adding that no case was filed till last evening.

How unruly was BCL at CU?

MD ABBAS, CU

It was December 8. The clash was triggered by an altercation in the shuttle train, and left 19 people injured. One group belongs to the president and the other to the general secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at Chittagong University.

To investigate the clash, five vice presidents of BCL central committee arrived on the CU campus on December 10, but the BCL activists defied them too, and clashed with each other right in front of them. The next day, the central committee expelled six senior BCL leaders of the university.

It was the latest in a series of violent incidents at CU. Between September 18 to December 10, the BCL activists were engaged in at least eight incidents of clashes and attacks, forcing the central committee to form two investigation teams.

One team was assigned to investigate the December 8 clash and the other was formed following vandalism and ransacking at the residences of four BCL leaders including deceased BCL leader Diaz Irfan Chowdhury on October 31 over tender disputes.

Three major factions of the CU unit BCL used to clash on the campus – one loyal to president Mohammad Alamgir Tipu, another to general secretary Fazlay Rabbi

Sujan, and the other to deceased leader Diaz.

On December 10, supporters of the BCL president beat up the followers of Diaz in front of the BCL vice presidents in Chittagong city when they went to the superintendent of police of Chittagong to investigate the December 8 clash.

Regarding repeated clashes on the campus, Sujan said they could not control their activists.

He said the junior BCL men did not obey his command. He said this to journalists while he was requested to take steps against one of his followers who physically assaulted three journalists on the campus a few days back.

Seeking anonymity, a vice president of CU BCL said, "Of the eight clashes and attacks, five occurred before the death of Diaz over a Tk 95 crore project for construction of two CU buildings."

On November 20, Diaz, a central assistant secretary of BCL and former joint secretary of CU unit BCL, was found dead in his rented house in the university's No-2 Gate area.

Since his death, friends and family of Diaz have been claiming that Diaz was murdered over "tender-related disputes",

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BDI COMPETITION

3 females clinch best essay title

STAFF CORRESPONDENT

Three female students were awarded yesterday for their innovative ideas, presented through entries at the Bangladesh Development Initiative (BDI) 2016 Essay Competition for University Students, which could substantially contribute to Bangladesh's economic prosperity and social wellbeing of citizens.

Fariba Islam of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology secured Tk 50,000 as prize money for

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