

# Ctg mayor announces plan to reclaim Premier University



Chattogram City Corporation (CCC) Mayor Shahadat Hossain today announced plans to reclaim Premier University Chattogram, alleging that a minister from the Awami League government had taken control of the institution through undue influence.

"Premier University was established by the CCC, but it has been taken over by a certain influential figure. We are now taking steps to regain control of the university," said the mayor during a press conference held at the CCC office on Tuesday.



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He stated that discussions have already been initiated with the Ministry of Education to receive instructions for moving forward.

"As mayor, I pledge that this university will not be allowed to fall into the hands of any family dynasty or mafia. We are drafting regulations to ensure no future mayor can misuse the university for personal gain," Shahadat said.

The announcement came amid growing concerns among guardians about the future of their children, following the resignation of the university's vice-chancellor, treasurer, and proctor.

Shahadat assured the public that the vacant positions would be filled promptly upon receiving directives from the ministry.

"We want to run this university professionally, with a capable vice-chancellor—preferably someone who has previously served in that capacity at Chittagong University. This university must not be tarnished by mismanagement or questionable leadership," he said.

The mayor urged Chattogram residents to remain vigilant to prevent any external "mafia" from taking over the university again and appealed to guardians to be patient as the situation is expected to be resolved soon.

Legal action against those who allegedly occupied and mismanaged the university for the past six to seven years will also be initiated once approval from the ministry is secured, the mayor added.

Premier University was established in 2001 under CCC's authority during the tenure of late Awami League leader ABM Mohiuddin Chowdhury.

The CCC managed the university until 2015, when a directive from the University Grants Commission (UGC) required the formation of a Board of Trustees.

Mohiuddin Chowdhury challenged the UGC directive by filing a writ petition, which was dismissed in 2019. During that time, Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury (Nowfel), the Deputy Minister of Education and son of Mohiuddin Chowdhury, assumed the role of chairman of the Board of Trustees, effectively taking control of the university.

Following recent political changes and a petition from students, the CCC has moved to reclaim the university's management, citing its original establishment under city corporation authority.