

10 JU teachers voice concern over ‘clandestine activities’ of Chhatra Shibir



Jahangirnagar University. File photo

A group of 10 Jahangirnagar University teachers has voiced concerns about the "clandestine political activities" of Islami Chhatra Shibir on the university campus.

"We have observed that Bangladesh Islami Chhatra Shibir (JU unit) is conducting secretive activities on campus, without disclosing their identity or forming a full-fledged committee. This lack of transparency could confuse the upcoming JUCSU elections and negatively affect the electoral process," said a press release issued by the teachers.



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"To ensure transparency and accountability, we urge all student organisations to avoid covert political activities," reads a press release.

The press release was signed by Professors Mirza Taslima Sultana, Swadhin Sen, ASM Anwarullah Bhuyian, Rayhan Rhyne, Ainoon Naher, Sharmind Neelormi, Mahmuda Akand, and Associate Professors Syed Nizar Alam, Rezwana Karim Singdha, and Assistant Professor Dhiman Sarkar.

The teachers also called for swift action in the investigation of the killing of former JU student Shamim Molla and criticised the newly-formed JU Chhatra Dal committee for including non-students and former members.

The system undermines the principle of inclusive leadership on campus, they said.

The teachers further voiced their concerns about the safety of female students on campus.

They also condemned the detention of several students over alleged alcohol consumption without proper investigation, as well as the subsequent publication of their photos and names on social media, describing this behaviour as overreactive, insensitive, and unacceptable.

In the release, they also reiterated demands for justice regarding the July 15, 2024, attack on protesting students by Chhatra League activists.

The teachers called for a comprehensive investigation into the incident, urging the university administration to reveal the identities of the perpetrators, added the release.