

Students' union Elections: Quick response team for students

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Vows GS candidate Salauddin Ammar



Following a long 35-year wait, the Rucsu election is finally set to take place on September 25. In the run-up to the polls, the RU campus is abuzz with anticipation as candidates put forward their pledges. The Daily Star spoke with two such aspirants -- VP candidate Nur Uddin Abir and GS candidate Salauddin Ammar -- to gain insight into their thoughts and aspirations.

Salauddin Ammar, who is contesting for the general secretary post in the upcoming Rucsu elections from the "Adhipottobirodhi Oikya" panel, has pledged to form a quick response team on the campus to address students' problems.

Ammar is former coordinator of Students Against Discrimination (SAD).

"From the very beginning of my campus life, I have always been involved in movements and struggles for students' rights, speaking out and fighting against injustice. I am running in this election because I want to work for the students."

"When it comes to students' rights, I have never made the slightest compromise. If the students choose me as their representative, I will certainly do whatever is necessary for their rights," he told The Daily Star.

If elected, Ammar said his first step would be to form a quick response team for solving students' problems.

"This team will consist of 50–100 selected members. Whenever students face any issue, they can contact a hotline number. The team will respond promptly and provide necessary support."

"RU students suffer most from transportation issues. We will introduce electric vehicles for transport within the campus. The vehicles will be available at every entrance, department and hall as required. Students will be able to ride them by showing their ID cards and paying only Tk 5," he said.

He also promised to establish several super shops at central locations on the campus to enable students to buy essentials at affordable prices by showing their ID cards.

"At the same time, we want to work on an app through which everything can be brought under digitalisation," Ammar added.

"If elected, I will try to solve these issues alongside other problems for the students. If unelected, I will share my plans with those who win. If they wish, they can implement them for the students' benefit," he said.

Ammar also pledged to ensure that Rucsu is held on time regularly.

Regarding the election environment, he said, "Students are excited about the Rucsu polls. We are receiving a good amount of response from them. However, the recent movement regarding the 'ward quota' has created some concerns ahead of the polls. We want to face these concerns together so that the Rucsu polls can be held on schedule."