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BCL seminar

Merit no longer considered in student politics

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Speakers at a discussion meeting on Thursday said that merit was no longer considered in student politics of the country.

They said, "merit and leadership quality were the criteria to elect student leaders in late 60s and early 70s." "Recently Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina added a new dimension to the politics of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) by providing them with study materials instead of arms," they added.

Addressing a discussion meeting on 'the role of students in the Liberation War' organised by Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) the speakers also said that it was the duty of the students to reach the fruits of our liberation to the people of grass-root level.

The discussion meeting, held at the Teachers' Students Centre (TSC), was attended by Presidium Member of Awami League Abdul Jalil as chief guest, Dhaka City Mayor and President of the City Unit of Awami League Mohammad Hanif and State Minister for Youth, Sports and Cultural Affairs Obaidul Qader attended it as special guests.

The discussion meeting was held as part of the week-long programme of BCL to celebrate the 28th Victory Day.

Awami League Presidium Member Abdul Jalil in his speech said, "those who now are distorting the history of the Liberation War they never wanted independence."

He also spoke of the role played by BCL from '52 to '71.

A cultural programme was also staged after the meeting.