

## Full-fledged DU BCL body likely today

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Under mounting pressure from the 'deprived' senior activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), leaders of its Dhaka University unit yesterday agreed to form a full-fledged committee today, BCL sources said.

But the president and general secretary of Chhatra League are yet to reach consensus on some points like inclusion of the 'converted' activists in the committee and the size of the committee.

Some activists of BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), who joined the BCL after Awami League assumed power in 1996, are known as 'converted' activists.

The 'deprived' activists of BCL earlier on August 18 submitted a memorandum to the president and general secretary demanding formation of a full-fledged committee within three days.

The present three-member DU unit committee of BCL with three key posts of president, general secretary and organising secretary was formed in 1994.

The activists, in the memorandum, demanded that the

then activists of the BCL be considered for different posts.

They also threatened to launch tougher programmes if their demands are not realised by the deadline.

Responding to the demands of the activists, the president and general secretary discussed the issue with the activists at a meeting held at Madhu's canteen yesterday.

Sources said that the president of the incomplete committee Bahadur Bepari favoured a 41-member committee comprising activists who were with BCL in 1994.

Opposing the president, general secretary Abdul Wadud Khokon advocated for a 101-member committee so that the 'converted' activists could also be accommodated in the committee.

As the president and general secretary seemed reluctant to budge from their stance and as the situation became tense owner of Madhu's canteen, Arun Dev offered to mediate in the crisis.

Both of them accepted him as a mediator and urged the senior activists to give them one more day for announcing a full-fledged committee. The committee may be declared by 1 pm today after a lapse of about four years, sources said.