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64 pc DU students for banning campus politics

Student politics in Bangladesh appears to be losing its traditional clout over national spheres as well as its appeal to the general students, reports APB.

The observation was made in a recent survey conducted by a group of students of Mass Communication and Journalism Department as a part of thesis on "Teacher-student relationship: Dhaka University perspective."

The survey showed that about 64 per cent students of Dhaka University favoured

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banning campus politics as it had often turned violent, spilling blood.

Referring to the two hartals called by the combined opposition alliance in February the survey report said that these were not a total success as their student wings were not visible in the streets.

"The most significant thing is that the students themselves are not apparently finding any interest in campus politics. In other words student politics has failed to attract the conscious segment of the student community."

The survey said, Dhaka University campus, which was known as the hotbed of movements over the years, is now almost agitation-free.

When contacted for his comment on the survey Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) president Bahadur Bepary said, during the last three decades student politics played important roles, e.g., in the Liberation War and anti-autocratic movements. It does not find any substantive ground for agitation as a popularly elected government is now in power.

Anisul Haq, Joint Secretary of BCL central committee told APB that it was now high time for nation building and not for creating chaos and disorder in the guise of movement.

Central Vice-President of Bangladesh Students Union Sharifuz Zaman Sharif said since the present day student politics does not attract dedicated and committed ones they are now devoting more time for their career building.