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Student bodies slate opposition alliance

Leaders of different student organisations on Wednesday criticized the alliance of three opposition parties saying such a coalition was the outcome of "evil designs of the anti-liberation, fundamentalist, autocratic and reactionary forces," says BSS.

Leaders of the major student bodies, while expressing their views to BSS on the opposition's new simultaneous programme, said such an alliance was not a surprising phenomenon in the country's politics as the "old allies" are now united forgetting their past differences.

President of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) Bahadur Bepary said BNP, Jatiya Party and Jamaat-e-Islami, having nearly same political position are trying to establish a negative trend of politics in this soil.

He said Begum Khaleda Zia, who was accused for vote rigging and killing of students, workers and farmers during her tenure, former President General Ershad, who captured the state power by a military coup, and Golam Azam, the main collaborator of the occupation forces during our war of independence, became united to spoil the country's "positive trend of politics" led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

He said, "it would now be easy to the countrymen to identify them as all the negative forces merged into a common platform."

Bangladesh Chhatra Union President Hasan Hafizur Rahman Shohel said those three parties were preaching the same political ideology and programme and they were using the religious sentiment of the innocent citizens for their narrow political gains.

The Chhatra Union President said people of Bangladesh will "definitely give a befitting reply to this evil design" as they never accepted the anti-liberation force. He urged those BNP leaders who fought for the country's liberation to take a separate stand against this unethical alliance.

Emran-al Amin, Senior Vice-President of JSD-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League, said such alliance was "a threat to the spirit of the liberation war."

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He said that the founder of the BNP, General Ziaur Rahman, despite being a veteran freedom fighter, sailed himself in the anti-liberation bloc for realising his narrow political interest.

"Gen. Zia allowed Golam Azam, the war criminal, to enter the country and Begum Zia is now in an assignment to rehabilitate him in the national politics," he observed.

Ziaul Haque Zia, President of Bangladesh Chhatra Moitree, viewed that the alliance was a pre-planned design to establish the politics of reactionary and fundamentalist forces in the name of anti-government agitation.

He said, "we will oppose the government when the question of realisation of the people's interest arise, but in the same time we believe that a democratic movement could not be successful if proven anti-human and anti-democratic forces participate in that movement."