

"Quader for reviving student unions"

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ROAD transport and bridges minister Obaidul Quader on Wednesday urged the education minister and authorities concerned to take initiative to revive all student unions to bring about a qualitative change in student politics and to accelerate democratic process.

He made the urge at a programme at Aparajeya Bangla at the Dhaka University marking the 69th founding anniversary of Bangla-

desh Chhatra League.

Obaidul Quader, also the ruling Awami League general secretary, said, 'We want Chhatra League free from infiltrators and parasites, as these are the main obstacle to progress.'

Also a former Chhatra League president, Obaidul said that he the number of Chhatra League activists was on the rise but not their quality. 'You have to improve your quality.'

He also urged Chhatra League to form all committees with regular students.

'Don't include parasites and controversial people in the committees as the party and the government are defamed because of their activities,' he said.

Chhatra League president Saifur Rahman Sobag presided over the function while its general secretary SM Jakir Hossain conducted it. Several AL leaders including formal Chhatra League leaders were present.

Chhatra League brought out a colourful procession at about noon towards

their party office on Bangabandhu Avenue chanting slogans and carrying banners, festoons and musical instruments.

Earlier, the programmes marking anniversary were started through placing of wreaths at the portrait of the country's founding president Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at Bangabandhu Bhaban at 6:30am and hoisting of Chhatra League flag at its central office. Chhatra League leaders also cut a cake at Curzon Hall on the campus.