

## Activities of a few taint BCL's image: Quader

### *BCL celebrates 65th founding anniv*

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**BANGLADESH** Chhatra League, the student wing of Awami League, on Friday celebrated its 65th founding anniversary with a pledge to work for 'building a digital Bangladesh'.

One of the oldest students' organisations of the country, the then East Pakistan Chhatra League was founded by Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on January 4, 1948 at Fazlul Huq Muslim Hall of Dhaka University, only a year before the formal emergence of Awami Muslim League, now Awami League.

Addressing different discussions and rallies, former leaders of the organisation criticised activities of some Chhatra League activists in recent times that tarnished the image of the student organisation which had a glorious history.

The former and the present leaders, however, called upon the government to immediately complete the trial of war criminals.

The Chhatra League was in the frontline of the language movement in 1952, education movement in 1962, six-point movement in 1966 onwards, the popular uprising in 1969, the liberation war in 1971 and anti-autocracy movement in 1990.

The BCL observed the day with the slogan, 'We will transform ourselves as educated and skilled human resources to translate into reality Bangabandhu's dreams and we

are committed to implementing prime minister Sheikh Hasina's vision for building a digital Bangladesh.'

Communications minister Obaidul Quader, addressing a rally organised by the central BCL at the altar of Aparajeya Bangla on the DU campus, condemned those leaders and activists of the organisation who were committing crimes and damaging its reputation.

'Though the past history of the organisation makes us proud, recent activities of some Chhatra League leaders and activists have shamed us,' Quader, a former BCL president, said.

Quader warned the BCL that outsiders had infiltrated into the organisation recently which caused the damage.

He censured the BCL general secretary Siddiqui Nazmul Alam for accusing the media of disseminating anti-BCL propaganda. Quader said, 'Media can report against the organisation and its leaders, but you should respond to it with positive attitudes.'

He called upon the Chhatra League activists to salvage the reputation of the organisation at any cost.

BCL president HM Badiuzzaman Sohag chaired the rally, also addressed, among others, by former and current leaders, including state minister for local government and cooperatives Jahangir Kabir Nanak and Awami League information and research secretary Afzal Hossain.