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PHYSICIANS at Square hospital in Dhaka said on Thursday that the left side of Khadiza Akhter Nargis, who was hacked by a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader in Sylhet, was totally paralysed.

The hospital medical service director Mirza Nazim Uddin briefed the reporters at the hospital in the evening about the latest condition of Khadiza's health.

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Nazim said that the life support of Khadiza was pulled off Wednesday evening and she was improving.

'We hope that she needs no more life support,' he added.

Shahjalal University of Science and Technology unit of the ruling Awami League-backed student body Chhatra League assistant general secretary Badrul Alam hacked

Khadiza on October 3 when she came out of her examination hall at Murari Chand College in Sylhet city.

Khadiza was shifted to the Squire hospital on October 4 and since then she was on life-support.

Visiting Khadiza at the hospital, health minister Mohammad Nasim said the medical expenses for Khadiza would be provided by the government.

'Her condition improves, but her left side is paralysed,' Nasim said.

Reporters are not allowed to visit Khadiza. She is now at Intensive Care Unit. She has undergone two surgeries in the head and throat.

Khadiza's maternal uncle Abdul Baset urged the government to take her abroad for better treatment.

Replying to a question, the health minister said

Khadiza would be treated in Bangladesh and needed not to be sent abroad.

'We hope she could get well here,' Nasim said.

The doctors said Khadiza would need to be under treatment for long-term to be fit completely.

Her brother Shahin Ahmed urged the government to help them financially to carry on Khadiza's long-term treatment.