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Chhatra League assaults student at RU

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Leaders and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League, student wing of the ruling Awami League, on Wednesday beat up a student at Rajshahi University for making ‘defamatory’ remarks about prime minister Sheikh Hasina on social media.

However, the injured student, Sheikh Jasim Uddin Bijoy, claimed that BCL men beat him as he was involved in the quota reform movement.

‘BCL men caught and forcibly took me and my roommate Takbir Hossain in front of the senate building while I was heading towards my department to attend an in-course examination’, said Bijoy, a third year student of Arabic department.

‘The BCL men beat up for more than one hour as according to them I was a quota reform protester’, he added.

Witnesses said, the quota reform protesters on Tuesday declared to hold a sit-in programme on Wednesday in front of the university administrative building at 11:00am. However, the protesters could not hold the programme due to rain.

Meanwhile, the university unit BCL leaders and activists led by its president Golam Kibria and general secretary Faisal Ahmed Runu took position in front of the university senate building at 10:30am with weapons aiming to resist the quota reform protesters.

Later, the BCL leaders and activists caught some students including Sheikh Jasim Uddin Bijoy from various points of the university and took them in front of the senate building.

BCL RU unit president Golam Kibria denied the allegation of beating, and branding Bijoy as a Shibir leader, he said that they handed over Bijoy to the university proctorial body as he made defamatory remarks about Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on Facebook.

However, he also denied detaining and beating any students demanding quota reform in government job.

Later, RU proctor Lutfor Rahman rescued him and gave him first aid at his office.

Lutfor Rahman told New Age that they handed over Bijoy to police for police protection.

Shahadat Hossain, officer-in-charge of Motihar Police Station told New Age that they did not show arrest in any case till filling report at 5:00pm.

In a reply, he said that they would take decision later in this regard.