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BCL activists assault Ducusu VP Nur

Confine him for two hours at SM Hall





Ducus Vice President Nurul Haque Nur. Image taken from his Facebook profile.

DU Correspondent

Chhatra League activists last evening assaulted Ducus VP Nurul Haq Nur and kept him confined in a room in Salimullah Muslim Hall of Dhaka University for at least one and a half hours.

Nur came under the assault when he went there to submit a memorandum protesting the attack on a resident student by some BCL men.

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'BCL men beat up' Ducus aspirant

The BCL men also threw eggs at Nur and Akhtar Hossen, social welfare secretary of Ducusu, and harassed other protesters, including Shamsunnahar Hall union VP Sheikh Tasnim Afroze Emi.

Witnesses said Nur, along with some 15 to 20 students, went to SM Hall office around 5:00pm and submitted a memorandum to a house tutor, protesting the Monday's attack on Farid Hasan, who contested the March 11 hall union polls as an independent candidate for the post of general secretary.

They later went to Farid's room (no-159) where some BCL men, led by its hall unit President Tahsan Ahmed Rasel and General Secretary Mehedi Hasan Taposh, confined Nur and Akhtar.

SM hall union VP Kamal Hossen and General Secretary Zulias Cizar hurled abuse at Nur for not taking permission before entering the hall, according to witnesses.

At one stage, Kamal assaulted Nur and some other BCL men beat up a companion of the Ducusu VP.

The BCL activists also threw eggs and trash at Shamsunnahar Hall union VP Emi, Shotontro Jote leader Auroi Semonti Khan and DU Chhatra Federation President Umme Habiba Benojir, who were accompanying Nur.

Around 6:15pm, hall Provost Prof Mahbubul Alam Joarder went to the room and tried to rescue Nur, but the BCL men barred him.

The hall union leaders, including the VP, demanded Nur sign a bond saying that he would never enter the hall again without their permission. But the Ducusu VP refused to comply.

The standoff continued till around 7:00pm when the provost finally managed to get Nur out of the room.

Some eggs thrown at Nur and his fellow students hit the provost when he was coming out of the room.

A few students alleged that BCL activists beat up some female protesters who were standing outside the main entrance to the dormitory.

SIT-IN BEFORE VC'S RESIDENCE

Protesters started a sit-in in front of the DU vice-chancellor's residence around 7:30pm, demanding punishment of those who confined Nur and attacked Farid. They also demanded expulsion of outsiders from the SM Hall.

Around 30 students, including Ducus VP Noor, were continuing the sit-in till filing of the report at 12:30am today.

Farid, a master's student of Urdu department, was beaten up allegedly by some BCL men on Monday night over contesting the SM Hall union polls.

He was also ousted from the hall allegedly by BCL men for the same reason days before the March 11 Ducus polls.

Talking to The Daily Star yesterday, Farid said, "Some Chhatra League men on Monday night dragged me to the dining room of SM Hall and beat me with iron bars, sticks and cricket stumps."

He filed a written complaint with the hall proctor's office yesterday, naming the attackers.

SM Hall BCL President Tahsan denied the allegation of confining Nur.

"He [Nur] along with some female students and outsiders came to the hall, which is not allowed. Angered at this, some general students threw eggs at them."

Tahsan claimed that Nur "willingly waited for two hours for the provost's arrival".

He also denied the BCL's involvement in assaulting Farid.

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