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## BCL, Shibir clash at Ctg College over janaza of Jmaat leader

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Activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League and Islami Chhatra Shibir lock in a clash at Chattogram Government College on Saturday over holding funeral prayers of a leader of Jamaat-e-Islami on the college premises on Saturday. — New Age photo

A fight broke out in Chattogram Government College on Saturday between Chhatra League and Shibir activists over the namaj-e-janaza of a Jamaat leader on the college campus.

Chase and counter-chase followed after the situation become tensed when college Chhatra League activists chased Shibir activists who came to attend a janaza of a jamaat leader on the campus.

On the night of June 21, the Jammat-e-Islami central working committee member Muminul Haque passed away in a private hospital in Chattogram. His namaj-e-janaza was held on Parade Maidan after juhr prayer on Saturday.

When the preparation of janaza was completed on Saturday at Parade Maidan, Chhatra league leaders of Chattogram College took out a procession and went to Parade Maidan protesting the janaza.

Chattogram College Chhatra league president Mahmudul Karim and general secretary Subash Mallick led the group. When the protesters reached Bangla Hostel, a clash ensued with the Shibir activists and both the groups began to pelt brick chips which injured a number of them.

Police intervened immediately which prompted the BCL activists to gather in front of the principal's office to protest at the incident.

Chawkbazar Police Station officer-in-charge Nizam Uddin said as the Chhatra League leaders tried to move towards Parade Maidan, at one point they had an argument with the Jamaat-e-Islami leaders and Shibir activists who came to attend the janaza.

After janaza the situation became normal, he said.

Chattogram College Chhatra League general secretary Subash Mallick said that the authority allowed the janaza to take place on college compound without informing Chhatra League. Shibir activists took the opportunity to display their hold on the campus, he added.

He said that they swooped on the Chhatra League activists, so the law enforcing agency need to arrest them.

Muminul Haque was the father-in-law of Awami League leader Abu Reza Nadvi of Chattogram 15 (Satkania-Lohaga), who is also a member of parliament. Muminul's daughter Rizia Reza Chowdhury is also the member of Mahila AL central committee.

Talking to New Age, college principal Abul Hasan said that around 12:10pm, the MP called him over phone and sought his cooperation in conducting the janaza.

There was this Eid reunion programme at the college auditorium and I took the opportunity to request all to attend the janaza, he added.

BCL leaders said that from the principal's announcement they came to know about the janaza and it made them furious.

Chattogram Metropolitan Police commissioner Mahbubur Rahman said that the permission was given as he was the father-in-law of the MP.



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