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BCL factions clash at CU

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Main entrance of Chittagong University. — New Age file photo

Classes and examinations were suspended at Chattogram University on Sunday after Bangladesh Chhatra League activists allegedly halted shuttle train and staff bus services following a factional clash on Saturday night.

Tension escalated in Chattogram University campus due to clashes, chase and counter-chase between the two groups — Bijoy group and CFC group — of the BCL. They were at loggerheads on Sunday following a clash on Saturday night over establishing supremacy on the campus.

CFC group is led by CU BCL president Rezaul Haque Rubel while Bijoy group is led by former general secretary Fazle Rabbi Sujon. They had long-standing disputes which led to the recent clash. The leaders of the two groups are loyal to the deputy education minister, Mohibul Hasan Chowdhury Nowfel.

Around 3:00pm on Sunday, the two groups locked horns at Suhrawardy Hall intersection at CU campus.

The activists of the two groups gathered and started chanting slogans. Soon chase and counter-chase ensued. Afterwards, when the supporters of the rival groups started exchanging brick-chips, a student sustained injury. Later, police intervene to disperse the groups.

The injured Shoaibur Rahman was a student of Islamic History, said Hathazari Thana officer-in-charge Belal Uddin Md Jahangir.

Talking to New Age he said the situation was under control.

Earlier, clashes broke out between the two factions of the BCL on Saturday night over establishing supremacy on campus which left five people injured.

Five who sustained injuries include Md Ilias of Islamic Studies, Obaidur Rahman of Islamic History, Niloy Hasan of Public Administration, Mahfuzur Rahman of Statistics and Priom Roy of Geography.

Later on Sunday, at 32 points, BCL activists cut off the hosepipe of the shuttle train, the main transport for the students of CU which is 22 kilometers far from the port city of Chattogram.

The shuttle trains scheduled to leave on 7:00am and 8:00am on Sunday could not leave from the port city for CU campus.

They also punctured the tyres of the staff bus, barring students and teachers from coming to the campus.

Khurshid Alam, loco master of the shuttle train, was also picked up at 7:00am by a group of BCL activists but he was released around 11:00am.

CU acting proctor Pranab Mitra Chowdhury said that owing to such vandalism, no students or teachers could reach the campus from the city and all classes had been suspended for the day.

In April, at least nine people, including five police personnel, were injured as activists of BCL and police clashed on CU campus.

BCL activists declared an indefinite strike to press home their four-point demand, including resignation of proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury and withdrawal of officer-in-charge of Hathazari Police Station Belal Md Jahangir for filing a false arms case against six BCL activists of the CU unit.



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