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BCL activists attack Student Front activists at Eden College

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Bangladesh Chhatra League activists reportedly attacked Socialist Students' Front activists in front of Eden College at Azmipur in Dhaka on Monday as the latter formed a human chain to press their four-point demand, including bus services on eight routes and quality food at the college canteen.

The left student organisation's Eden College unit president Saima Afroze, general secretary Shahinur Shumi and other activists were injured in the attack at about 1:30pm, said Students' Front activists.

They alleged that some activists of the ruling Awami League-backed student organisation BCL's Eden College unit under the leadership of the BCL unit president Jesmin Riva, general secretary Razia Sultana, and vice-president Sushmita attacked them in front of the college gate.

Demanding justice over the incident, injured Shahinur said, 'About 10 minutes after the submission of our memorandum to the principal, they attacked us, abused us, tore our banner, and tried to snatch the phone of our president [Saima Afroze] to delete the videos.'

'We have been organising different programmes since last month demanding bus services on eight routes and improvement in the quality of canteen food. As a part of that ongoing programme, they submitted a memorandum to the principal asking to implement their claims,' she replied when asked about their programme.

Denying the allegations, Eden College Chhatra League general secretary Razia Sultana said that they had seen some girls inside the campus collecting money and some boys standing at the gate.

'We've just asked them what kind of money you were raising as I saw that they were taking money from the campus and hall without any permission of the administration. We didn't attack them in any way. We did not tear down their banners or take away their phones,' she said.



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