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BCL attacks on journalists at Dhaka University condemned

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Different journalists' organisations condemned and protested at the attack carried out by Bangladesh Chhatra League activists on the journalists on the Dhaka University campus while they were covering protests against visit of Indian prime minister Narendra Modi on Thursday.

The victim journalists were Asif Himadri, Dhaka University correspondent of Daily Prothom Alo and Abid Hasan Rasel, Dhaka University correspondent of Bangla Tribune.

Journalists' organisations of different universities, including Dhaka University, Bangladesh Agricultural University, Comilla University, Jahangirnagar University, Rajshahi University, Dhaka College and others condemned the attack and demanded exemplary punishment for those involved in the attack.

Dhaka University Journalists Association president Mehedi Hasan and general secretary Sazzadul Kabir issued a statement on Friday in this regard.

The release stated: 'Media is called the fourth pillar of the state. But, attacks on journalists are an extreme threat to independent journalism. Such attacks would recur if the culprits were not brought to book.'

'According to the evidence and injured journalists, Chhatra League leaders including its central vice-president Mijanur Rahman Pikul, Salimullah Muslim Hall general secretary Milon Hossain and others attacked Prothom Alo journalist Asif Himadri,' the statement said.

'Chhatra League leaders, including Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman hall international affairs secretary Mahbubur Rahman, Jahurul Haque hall joint general secretary Amir Hamza, Bangabandhu hall assistant cultural secretary Tansen Sheikh, Bijoy Ekattor hall office secretary Majharul Islam Tamim attacked Abid Hasan Rasel, Dhaka University correspondent of Bangla Tribune,' the statement added.

Journalists' organisations said that they would go for tougher movement if the culprits were not arrested immediately.

Besides, general students of Dhaka University mass communication and journalism department will arrange a human chain on Sunday 11:30am at the base of Aparajeyo Bangla sculpture on the campus protesting at the attack.

Notably, Bangladesh Chhatra League men on Thursday attacked Asif Himadri in front of VC Chattar of the university while he was covering news around 7:00pm. On the other hand, Abid Hasan Rasel came under attack around 5:30pm by BCL men of DU unit.

Asif Himadri and Abid Hasan Rasel were taken to Dhaka Medical College Hospital for treatment. Later, Asif Himadri admitted to Lab Aid Hospital in Dhanmondi for better treatment.

Moreover, at least 20 were injured as BCL men allegedly attacked the leftist progressive student alliance on Fuller Road of Dhaka University. Socialist Students' Front DU unit president Salman Siddique, on Thursday confirmed the information.



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