

Victim of BCL torture quits RU campus

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Rajshahi University accounting and information systems department's final-year student Md Al-Amin accused Bangladesh Chhatra League members of torturing and snatching Tk 45,000 from him.

RU proctor Ashabul Hoque told New Age that he received a complaint on Thursday afternoon sent via courier service where the student alleged that he was tortured and snatched and had to flee the campus in fear of the wrath of the members of BCL, student wing of the ruling Awami League.

'We have formed a three-member committee to investigate the allegation', he said.

The complaint has been made at a time when the investigation of another such incident is underway by the university authorities.

In his sent complaint, Al-Amin alleged that RU BCL vice-president Suranjit Prasad Britto and its Matihar Hall unit general secretary Vashkar Saha took him to room 333 at Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall on August 17.

After a while, a group of seven people including Muminur Rahman, Faisal Ahmed alias Shoshi, and Taki Ahmed, with whom he used to work as a freelancer, entered the room, and started beating him indiscriminately.

‘Muminur hit me in the head with a stick, and at one stage I became unconscious’, Al Amin alleged.

When he regained consciousness at 8:00pm, BCL leaders Suranjit Prasad Britto and Vashkar Saha forcibly took his debit card and pin numbers, and withdrew Tk 45,000 from his bank account, he further alleged.

Al Amin said that Muminur and his followers threatened him with death if he spoke about the incident to anyone.

‘My first semester final examination is underway. I could not take part in the examination since I have left the campus to save my life, following the three-hour torture and constant threat’, he added.

Delowar Hossain, father of Al Amin, told New Age that Al Amin had been facing hearing and headache problems since the incident.

However, Muminur denied the allegation of beating. He said that they sat in a meeting with Al-Amin at the room to talk about some business stuff.

BCL leader Suranjit Prasad Britto could not be reached for his comment despite repeated attempts over the phone.

Vashkar Saha denied the allegation of withdrawing money using Al Amin’s debit card.

Earlier on August 19, Samsul Islam, a final-year student of economics department, lodged a written complaints with the university proctor and student adviser offices respectively alleging that BCL leader Vashkar Saha, tortured him for three hours and snatched Tk 20,000 from him confining him to a room at Matihar Hall.

Samsul alleged that BCL leader Vashkar also threatened him saying that his condition would be like Abrar Fahad if he informed anyone of the incident. Abrar Fahad, a student of the Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology in Dhaka, was tortured to death by some BCL leaders and activists at BUET three years ago.

Teachers and students of the university formed human chains protesting at the torture on Shamsul Islam and demanding punishment of the accused BCL leader.

The university authorities formed a three-member probe body headed by assistant proctor Arifur Rahman to investigate the incident.



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