

## DU student ousted from hall by BCL

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A faction of Dhaka University's Haji Muhammad Mohsin Hall Chhatra League has abused and ousted a student from his allocated room on an allegation of occupation.

The ousted student is Mohammad Saiful Islam, a third-year student at the Mass Communication and Journalism department of the university. He was allocated room number 562 by the hall administration.

When talking to the news agency, Saiful said, 'I, along with some of my friends, was having food in my room. Suddenly, some BCL activists came and asked me to show my identity. When I showed them my allotment document, they rejected it and said that administrative allocation is of no use as they are the ones who control the halls.'

'Later, they abused me physically and ousted me from my room. They also abused my friends,' he added.

Saiful lodged a complaint accusing five BCL activists with the hall administration, seeking safety.

The accused BCL activists are Shoriful Islam, a 3rd-year student of the Management department, Shakhawat Ovi, a 3rd-year student of the Institute of Social Welfare and Research, Sheikh Imran Islam Emon from the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Muntasir Hossen, a 3rd-year student of Islamic Studies Department, and Shakhawat Hossen Shanto, a post-graduate student of Institute of Education and Research.

All the accused are followers of Mohammad Hossain, general secretary of the Mohsin Hall BCL unit.

According to an eye witness, two more BCL activists, Tawhidul Islam from the Islamic Studies department's 2017-2018 session and Mohammad Samin Chowdhury from the Psychology department's 2017-2018 session, were involved in the incident.

When asked about the incident, Mohammad Hossain said, 'Our boys used to live in that room three months ago. An elder brother had given them the seat. Later, there was trouble because another elder brother of ours, named Rocky, wanted to give the seat to another student. I don't know more

than that.'

Following the incident, resident teachers of the hall, Ainul Islam and Md Emaul Haque Sarker Titu, locked the room for the time being.

'Administrative action will be taken against anyone responsible after an investigation,' Ainul said.

Professor Masudur Rahman, provost of Mohsin Hall, said that the hall authorities had taken control of the room and a decision would be taken to return it after investigation.



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