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Panicked RU student leaves hall after BCL torture

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The main gate of Rajshahi University. -- File photo.

A Rajshahi University student on Friday accused Bangladesh Chhatra League leaders and activists of torturing and intimidating him at Shah Mukhdum Hall of the university on Thursday night.

Samiul Islam, a third-year student of folklore department under 2019-20 academic session, also said that he had left the hall in fear of further torture.

Samiul lodged a written complaint to the university student adviser stating that he was threatened with death and sought security of his life.

In his application, Samiul, a residential student of room 214 at the hall, stated that BCL hall unit president and management department masters' student Tazbiul Hasan Apurbo and his associates

entered his room at around 11:00pm on Thursday and demanded Tk 10,000.

‘They pressured me to pay the money immediately, and at one stage they snatched Tk 3,775 from my wallet, he said, adding that they also asked him to contact his family for arranging the rest of the money by bKash.

Samiul said that he told the BCL leader about his financial inability, but he did not pay heed to him and hurled abusive words to him and his parents instead.

He alleged that Tazibul, at one stage, hit him while his followers threw him on the floor and started beating.

‘They asked me to leave the hall by noon if I fail to pay them the rest of the money by Friday’, he said.

Samiul alleged that the BCL men also threatened to kill him and vanish his body if he informed anyone about the incident.

BCL leader Tazbiul Hasan Apurbo, however, denied the allegation of torturing the student and said that there was some heated argument between them as he wanted Samiul to exchange the room.

He also claimed that a vested interest was trying to hatch a conspiracy against him to create a negative image of him.

Shah Mukhdum Hall provost Ruhul Amin told New Age that they had talked with both of them. ‘There was no mark of beating on Samiul’s body while Tazbiul denied taking money from him’, he said, adding that they were investigating into the incident.

Meanwhile, Shaheen Alam, a third-year student of economics department, complained that RU BCL Sher-e Bangla Fazlul Haque Hall unit vice-president Mehedi Hasan Fahim and the unit’s joint-secretary threw out his bag and baggage from his allotted room on Friday.

In a Facebook post, Alam stated that he had been transferred to room 332 from his earlier room 302 on January 11 and he had been staying there since then.

‘Two days later, BCL unit vice-president Fahim asked me to stay on the floor and started living on my seat’, he said.

When he informed the hall provost about the matter, the provost told him that Fahim was not a residential student of the hall and asked him to stay on his seat.

On Friday morning, Fahim came to his room and verbally abused him while joint-secretary Raju Ahammed threw his bedding out of his allotted room, Shaheen alleged.

However, Fahim could not be reached for his comment while Raju denied the allegation.

Sher-e Bangla Fazlul Haque hall provost Habibur Rahman told New Age that he took Shaheen back into his allotted room and asked Fahim to leave the hall as he was not a residential student.



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