

BCL groups clash at DU

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Two groups of Bangladesh Chhatra League clashed at Fazlul Haque Muslim Hall of Dhaka University early Tuesday.

Several BCL leaders said that many activists from both sides were injured and several rooms of the hall were vandalised at the time.

Seeking anonymity, several eyewitnesses said that the clash occurred between the groups of BCL Dhaka University unit general secretary Tanbir Hasan Shaikat and Chhatra League central president Saddam Hossain.

The clash incident left several activists injured and they took primary treatment at Dhaka University Medical Centre and Dhaka Medical College Hospital.

Anwar Hossain Naeem, BCL Fazlul Haque Muslim Hall unit president, also follower of BCL president Saddam Hossain alleged that there was an argument between the two groups at around 12:30pm over seat allocation in the south building of the hall.

‘Meanwhile, I was organising dinner in my room with presidents and general secretaries of different hall units of Chhatra League. At around 1.30am, 8-10 people suddenly attacked my room with local weapons and tried to escape quickly. We caught them. During the interrogation, they admitted that they attacked on the order of Shaikat, general secretary of the University Chhatra League’, he said.

‘Later, in the second phase, Shaikat’s followers of Shahidullah hall unit went on rampage in different rooms of the south building of the hall. He also claimed that 15 general students of Fazlul Haque Hall were injured,’ he added. However, denying the allegation, BCL DU unit general secretary Tanbir Hasan Shaikat said, ‘Naeem called me and informed me about the matter. Later I came to know from a source that Naeem’s statement about the incident was false.’

Shaikat said, ‘They held a meeting on Tuesday night without my followers in Fazlul Haque Hall.’

‘Later they forced out one of my followers named Parvez from room 5006 of the hall and locked the room. Later my followers got organised and broke the lock of the room and took Parvez in the same room. Angered by this, they launched a concerted attack on my followers. At least seven students were seriously injured. They are receiving treatment at Dhaka Medical College Hospital and University Medical Centre,’ said Shaikat.

BCL president Saddam Hossain said, ‘Chhatra League never believes in muscle power politics. Organisational action will be taken against those who are involved in anti-disciplinary activities.’

The provost of the hall Shah Mohammad Masum could not be reached despite repeated attempts about this matter.

Protesting at the attack, presidents and general secretaries of different BCL hall units staged a sit-in at Madhur Canteen on DU campus on Tuesday.

Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall general secretary Mahbubur Rahman said that Tanbir Hasan Shaikat was avoiding the hall president and general secretary of the university.

Two days earlier, a clash was occurred between BCL DU unit general secretary Shaikat and BCL central president Saddam Hussain group that left more than three activists injured.



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