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RU forms committee to investigate BCL torture of student

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Rajshahi University authorities have formed a three-member committee to investigate the allegation of torturing a student by Bangladesh Chhatra League leaders and activists in the room of Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Hall provost on Tuesday.

The probe body headed by population science and human resource development department professor Ashraful Islam Khan on Tuesday night was asked to submit its report in seven days, said RU student adviser M Tareq Nur.

Earlier, Sumaiya Sultana, a second year student of social work department and also a resident of room no 501 of Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnessa Hall, became unconscious as she was reportedly tortured inside the provost room on Tuesday noon.

Sumaiya was first taken to RU medical centre and was later admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital from where she was discharged on Wednesday noon.

Residential students said that there was an altercation between Sumaiya and Nurunnahar Dolon, a music department student of 2017-18 academic sessions over heating water on a water-heater at the hall on February 20.

Sumaiya told New Age that she had been mentally tortured over the incident for past few days.

‘Hall unit BCL general secretary Smriti Bala and her followers, including Dolon, repeatedly came to my room and abused me. They tortured me both physically and mentally and threatened to throw me out of the hall’, she alleged.

Sumaiya said that she was forced to attend a meeting with Smriti Bala and Dolon in the hall provost room on Tuesday noon.

She alleged that hall provost Farjana Quayum Keya imposed on her what Smriti Bala and Dolon asked for.

‘I did not accept their decision and fell sick,’ she added.

Nurunnahar Dolon and Smriti Bala, however, denied the allegation.

Smriti said that there was no incident of torture. ‘If any student faces any problem, they come to me. Dolon also did the same. I just attended the meeting on the call of the hall provost,’ she added.

Provost Farjana also claimed that there was no incident of torture. She cut off the phone call saying that she wanted to say nothing else.

Meanwhile, music department students confined student adviser Tareq Nur to Bangamata Sheikh Fazilatunnesa Hall for three hours on Wednesday as she went to reinstate the victim student on her allotted seat.

They also misbehaved with the university teachers and journalists who went to rescue Tareq Nur.



