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## JU BCL leaders accused of demanding Tk 5 lakh extortion, shop closed

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Several leaders and activists of the Bangladesh Chhatra League Jahangirnagar University unit allegedly demanded Tk 5 lakh extortion from a cable network provider and forcibly closed the business as the owners did not comply with their demands.

The BCL activists also took away instruments such as amplifier, cable and cable cutter machines worth about Tk 2 lakh and vandalised the shop on Friday, the victim network provider alleged.

The accused are JU BCL relief and disaster affairs secretary Shanto Mahbub and deputy office secretary Hasibur Rahman.

They both are the followers of JU BCL general secretary Habibur Rahman Liton.

‘They picked up me and my lineman Khairul Islam and took us to a residential hall several times and beat us. They also cut several lines of WiFi as I did not give the amount’, the victim Mominullah Momin said.

Mominullah Momin, a cable network-based trader in Ambagan area adjacent to the JU campus, also said that the BCL activists demanded monthly dividends from his income inside the campus.

Momin lodged a general diary with the Ashulia police station over death threats from the BCL activists, sub-inspector of the police station, Jahangir Alam said on Tuesday.

Parvez Dewan, chairman of Pathalia union parishad said, ‘I have been informed about the incident. If such incidents continue to take place in areas adjacent to the university, those will give local people a negative impression about the students.’

Shanto Mahbub said that he talked to the cable network provider to complain about the speed of the WiFi network at his hall.

Both Shanto and Hasib denied extortion allegations or halting the business.

Contacted, JU BCL general secretary Habibur Rahman Liton said, ‘I do not know about it. I will look into the allegations and we will take organisational steps if those are true.’

JU proctor ASM Firoz-Ul-Hasan termed the allegations ‘outside incidents’ and asked the victim to follow legal procedure.



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