

# 4 DU students accuse BCL men of torture



Four students of Dhaka University's Masterda Surja Sen Hall alleged that they were tortured by some Chhatra League leaders on Tuesday at the dorm.

A complaint letter was submitted yesterday to the hall provost in this regard.

The complaint was filed by Alam Badsha and Lutfur Rahman, both Islamic Studies majors, Arabic major Ashikur Rahman and psychology major Al Amin.

The authorities formed a three-member committee to investigate the matter, said Surja Sen Hall Provost Prof Zakir Hossain Bhuiyan.

The accused are -- General Secretary of BCL's Surja Sen Hall Siam Rahman, Vice President Hamid Karzai, Joint Secretaries Tauhid Zaman Ovi and Abdul Ahad, Deputy Law Affairs Secretary Muhammad Talha and Hospitality Affairs Secretary Mazharul Islam Nirob.

In the letter, the complainants claimed that they were allotted a room with a former student Sumon Ahmed, who misbehaved with them on multiple occasions.

During one such conflict, the four complainants asked Sumon to leave the room. When he did not comply, they took his belongings out of the room.

Contacted, Sumon alleged that the four made it difficult for him to live with them in a shared room and so he left it willingly. "On Monday, they threw my clothes and certificates when I was preparing for my BCS exam," he said.

Sumon then informed BCL leader Siam about the matter, who called the four complainants to his room to "interrogate" them. He and his cohorts beat and verbally abused the four, and later, compelled them to leave the dorm, according to the complaint letter.

However, Siam denied the allegations. "I called the four to ask them about their behaviour. They admitted that they were wrong and apologised. No one tortured them," he said.