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10 injured in CU BCL factional clash

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Two men carry machetes while another holds brickbats during a clash between two groups of Bangladesh Chhatra League activists at Chittagong University on Thursday. — New Age photo

At least 10 people, including the Chittagong University proctor and a police inspector, were injured as two groups of the ruling Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League of the CU unit clashed on Thursday.

The groups— one led by CU BCL president Rezaul Hoque Rubel and another by CU BCL general secretary Iqbal Hossain Tipu— locked in clashes on Thursday afternoon in front of Shah Amanat Hall, said witnesses.

Both groups locked in clashes with sharp weapons and hurled stones and brickbats at each other, leaving at least 10 persons, including CU proctor Nurul Azim Sikder, injured, said witnesses.

Earlier on Wednesday night, both groups were locked in a clash following an altercation over sitting at a hotel on the CU campus.

CU assistant proctor Sourav Saha Joy told New Age that they brought the situation under control.

‘During the clash on Thursday afternoon, at least 10 persons, including the proctor Nurul Azim Sikder and police inspector Mizanur Rahman, were injured,’ he said.

‘The students were asked to stay at their halls,’ he said.

Additional police forces were deployed on the campus to avoid further untoward situations, said Ruhul Amin, officer-in-charge of Hathazari police station.

CU BCL sources said that CU BCL’s deputy training affairs secretary Mahfuz Al Mamun locked into an altercation with some BCL activists– followers of Rezaul Hoque Rubel– over sitting at a hotel at about 10:00pm on Wednesday. Later, they locked in clashes in front of Shah Amanat Hall at about 12:00am.

CU BCL president Rezaul Hoque Rubel could not be reached for his comment despite several attempts.

CU BCL general secretary Iqbal Hossain Tipu told New Age that they would take action against BCL activists who were involved in the clashes.

‘We are trying to identify the persons involved in the clashes,’ he said, adding that none of his followers were involved in the clashes.

Four persons were admitted to Chattogram Medical College Hospital on Thursday afternoon, said sub-inspector Nurul Alam Ashek of CMCH police outpost.

Earlier, CU BCL activists locked in clashes frequently on the campus over establishing supremacy and they also made headlines in media reports over sexual harassment of female students.



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