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BCL attacks JU student on hunger strike

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Jahangirnagar University unit of the ruling Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League on Tuesday night launched an attack on a protesting student on the university campus.

The student had been observing a fast-unto-death protest for the past six days demanding residential seat allotment to only 'legal' students of the university.

The incident was took place in front of the university's Mir Mosharraf Hossain Hall, where at least 10 left-leaning students including president of Jahangirnagar Cultural Alliance Soumik Bagchi, left student activists Monika, Sristi and Shur were also allegedly beaten up by the BCL activists.

Witnesses said that some 20-30 BCL activists led by deputy literature affairs secretary of JU BCL Gautam Kumar Dash attacked protesting student Samiul Islam Prottoy as soon as the university's scheduled load-shedding started at 10:00pm.

Deputy secretaries of JU BCL Tarek Mir, Murad Hasan, executive member Rabbi, activists Shohel, Murshalin, Tanvir, Shajib, Nafis, Shoumik, Rayhan and Nobel accompanied Gautam during the attack.

‘They set my temporary bedding on fire and dragged me to an ambulance aiming to halt my strike’, Prottoy said.

Soumik Bagchi said, ‘The university administration has fuelled the attack and kept power cut off for an extra 20 minutes in order to keep the attackers out of any administrative measures.’

Later, a group of agitating students brought out a procession towards the residence of JU vice-chancellor Nurul Alam and staged a sit-in in front of his residence demanding steps against the attackers.

They stayed there till 2:00am on Wednesday.

Contacted, alleged Gautam claimed that general students of the hall dispersed the so-called protesters for their own interest in order to keep a sound residential environment.

JU BCL president Akhtaruzzaman Shohel said, ‘No BCL leaders or activists were involved in attacking any student.’

JU proctor ASM Firoz-ul-Hasan said, ‘An investigation is underway regarding the alleged attack. A report will be submitted within the next seven days.’

On Wednesday evening, meanwhile, the JU authorities in a meeting with hall provosts declared two former students of the 2013-14 session, who allegedly were involved in the attack and are still staying illegally at the JU hall, unwanted on the university campus.

The former students are, Sobuj of history and Nobel of Bengali departments of the university.

Earlier on May 31, a third-year student of the geography department of the university started a fast-unto-death protest demanding proper seat management at the residential halls of the university.



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