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Eight JU BCL activists sued over 'attempted murder' of student

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A second-year student of Jahangirnagar University filed a case against eight leaders and activists of the university unit of the ruling Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League for allegedly torturing him and forcing him to confess at gunpoint his alleged involvement in drug dealing.

According to the case statement, the BCL activists tortured Sayem Hasan Sami, a student of the international relations department and a resident of Shaheed Salam-Barkat Hall, in the guest room of the hall on May 17, 2023.

Sami lodged the attempted murder case with the Chief Judicial Magistrate Court 3 of Dhaka on June 4, 2023, accusing eight BCL activists of the university unit.

Later, the case was transferred to the Chief Judicial Magistrate Court 4 in Dhaka on June 12, 2023.

'The case was filed under the penal code 34, 114, 143, 323, 307, 330, 341, 342, 506, and the case number was CR 685/23. The court took cognisance of the case on Thursday and asked the Police Bureau of Investigation to submit a report by August 14, 2023,' said lawyer of the victim, Naimul Islam Chowdhury.

He also said that the university proctor was also asked to assist with the investigation.

The accused BCL activists are, vice-presidents of JU BCL Khandakar Sazzad Kabir, Ratul Roy Dhrubo, Riazul Islam Riyad, Mahibur Alam Mrinmay. deputy secretary Mabruk Al Islam Joyad, information and research affairs secretary Akib Shahriar Shijan, executive member Tanvir Hasan Rabbi and activist Asif Hossain Akash.

In the case statement, the victim Sami said, 'The BCL activists tortured me in the guest room of the hall and at gunpoint forced me to confess my so-called involvement in drug dealing in front of camera after putting Yaba pills inside my pocket.'

The victim suffered for intense bleeding in his left ear after the torture and was kept confined to a

room for 63 hours, the statement read.

'As the university administration did not take any steps regarding my complaint, I filed the case with the court', Sami told New Age, adding that he was feeling insecure on the campus.

Contacted, JU proctor ASM Firoz-Ul-Hasan said, 'A probe body headed by the hall provost was investigating the allegation. I will assist the PBI with the matter if they need.'

None of the accused and the JU BCL president Akhtaruzzaman Shohel responded to phone calls despite several attempts.



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