

BCL 'torture' at Islamic University: Victim files complaint, then withdraws



Islamic University (IU) in Kushtia. Star file photo.

A student of Islamic University in Kushtia has alleged that he was tortured and humiliated by a group of Chhatra League activists at Lalon Shah Hall of the university early Tuesday.

Yash Rohan is a first-year student at the development studies department of the university.

He lodged a written complaint on Tuesday afternoon with the university Proctor Prof M Shahadat Hossain Azad and student advisor Prof Shelina Nasrin, seeking punishment for the accused involved in the torture incident.

According to the written complaint, Rohan was staying in the "gono room" of the dormitory since admission.

A group of BCL's IU unit activists, including fine arts department's second-year students Afif Hasan and Tonmoy Biswas, called him to room-136 of the hall early Tuesday, Rohan said.

They are apparently supporters of BCL's IU unit general secretary Nasim Ahmed Joy, according to the complaint.

Afif, Tonmoy and others, at one stage, assaulted him, the complaint added.

Rohan, however, withdrew the complaint yesterday.

Despite repeated attempts, he could not be reached over the phone for his comment.

BCL IU unit general secretary Nasim Ahmed Joy said he settled the issue between his supporters and Rohan.

Following the "intervention", Rohan withdrew his complaint, Joy told the news agency.

Meanwhile, many students said ragging incidents happened repeatedly at the university as the administration failed to take stern action against the accused involved.

Proctor Azad said he received a written complaint from the victim. They were looking into the matter, he said, adding that the victim withdrew his complaint as the issue was settled.

On February 12 this year, a first-year female student of the Finance and Banking department at IU was reportedly tortured and intimidated by BCL's IU unit vice-president Sanjida Chowdhury Ontora and her associates in Deshratna Sheikh Hasina Hall on the university campus.

The incident stirred massive protests at the university and other educational institutions across the country.