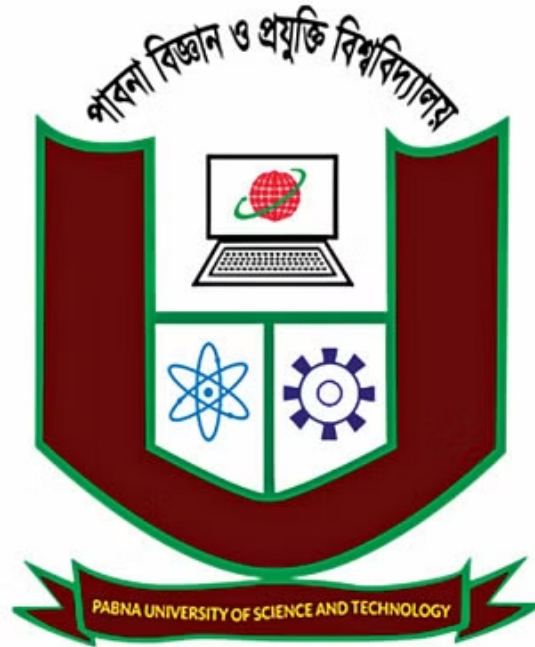


‘BCL men’ beat up journo at PUST



A university reporter of Pabna University of Science and Technology (PUST) was beaten allegedly by Chhatra League activists yesterday, over issuing a press release.

The victim -- Abdulla Al Mamun, university correspondent of the daily Noya Shotabdi, a student of statistics and joint convener of PUST Press Club -- is undergoing treatment at Pabna Medical College Hospital.

Mamun said the press club had issued a release protesting the recent attack on journalists at Jagannath University.

Following this, BCL men intercepted Durjoy Kumar, secretary of the press club, at the university cafeteria yesterday and asked him to withdraw the release.

"When I came to know the matter and went to the spot, BCL men attacked me," Mamun alleged.

"After assaulting me they took us to the PUST proctor who defended the attackers," Mamun said.

Contacted, Proctor Dr Kamal Hossain denied the allegation. "If I get a written complain, I will take action in this regard," said the proctor.

Faridul Islam Babu, president of the university unit of BCL, said he is not involved in any such attack and unaware of the incident.