

Ex-BCL leader arrested over torture, extortion



Police arrested a former Chhatra League leader over allegations of carrying out torture and extortion at the Institute of Health Technology (IHT) in Bogura.

Shojol Gosh, 33, former organisational secretary of district unit BCL, was arrested yesterday morning, 10 days after a case was filed against him, said Bogura Sadar Police Station Officer-in-Charge Saihan Oliullah.

IHT students had been protesting since August 29, demanding Shojol's arrest. They gave police a 24-hour ultimatum for his arrest on Sunday.

On September 2, Shahriar Hasan, a student at this institution, filed a case against Shojol on charges of extortion, misappropriation of hostel meal funds, and torturing students.

The complaint stated that Shojol used political dominance to illegally occupy room 218 of the IHT hostel and used to consume narcotics with outsiders there.

He also used to force students to press his feet, send them out in the middle of the night to buy cigarettes, and beat and extort students, it also read.