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## JU BCL activists seize 20 buses

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Some leaders and activists of the Jahangirnagar University unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League on Friday seized at least 20 buses of Selfie Paribahan plying on Dhaka-Aricha highway over an alleged misbehaviour incident with one of their fellows by a staff member on Thursday night.

They also forced the transport company to give Tk 20,000 as compensation to the activist as he reportedly was hurt, while shoved from the running bus onto the highway.

The injured BCL activist, Abdullah Al Saad, is a resident of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman Hall and a follower of JU BCL general secretary Habibur Rahman Liton.

Saad said, 'I was trying to get on the bus but the staffer pushed me, refusing to carry any student. My laptop was broken after it fell down on the road.'

Following the incident, fellow BCL men of the hall unit took position on the road near the university's main entrance at about 11:00am and started seizing any Selfie Paribahan buses crossing the spot.

In a meeting with a representative of the transport company, JU BCL general secretary Habibur Rahman Liton negotiated the compensation amount at Tk 20,000 and a written pledge of proper behaviour with the JU students, an employee of the bus company said, wishing anonymity.

Aminur Rahman, a representative of Selfie Paribahan said, 'Keeping 20 buses stuck is a big loss to both the employees and owners. Seizing buses over a trifling matter becomes common in this route.'

'Shoving anyone from a running bus is a criminal offence. We talked with the bus owner and university administration demanding safe transportation,' Liton said.

He did not comment on the amount of compensation.

JU proctor ASM Firoz-ul-Hasan said, 'I heard the students seized some buses. I sent an officer of the security department. The students have already freed the buses to leave.'



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