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Eight injured as BCL groups clash in Pabna

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Representational image.

At least eight leaders and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League, student wing of ruling Awami League, were injured in a clash between two groups in Pabna on Thursday.

The incident took place at Pabna district Awami League office at about 12.30pm over the formation of election committees for January 7 national elections.

Police said that a chair-throwing brawl broke out at an extended meeting when a group of BCL leaders, led by former leader of the organisation Mustaqeem Muhib, asked about the inclusion of 30 activists who were not students and acceptance of the election committees.

Eight including the district BCL president Mizanur Rahman Sabuj were injured during the clash.

Mustaqeem said that though many units, including Pabna Sadar upazila and Edward college, did not have valid committees for years, the election committees were formed for upcoming polls.

Of the committees, 30 out of 132 BCL activists were no longer students, said Mustaqeem, adding that when he had raised the issue, Sabuj's group attacked him.

The district BCL president Sabuj, however, claimed that Mustaqeem's group attacked them from behind when they were observing a minute of silence in the memory of the martyred intellectuals in the meeting.

'We will take strict action and draw the attention of central BCL in this regard,' he said.

Pabna Sadar police station officer-in-charge Roshan Ali said that on information lawmen brought the situation under control and no complaint in this regard yet.



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