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## DU BCL activists beat 15 left student activists

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Leaders and activists of the ruling Awami League-backed student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League beat up at least 15 left student leaders and activists Tuesday evening on blaming them for breaking the inauguration board of metro rail on the campus.

The incident took place in front of the Raju Memorial Sculpture at around 7:30 pm on Tuesday.

About 15 leaders and activists of different left student organisations, including the Bangladesh Students Union DU unit president Meghmallar Bosu, came under the attack, confirmed former BSU president Shimul Kumbhkar.

‘We have identified them as supporters of the DU unit BCL general secretary Tanbir Hasan Shaikat,’ he said.

The injured leaders and activists were rushed to the Dhaka Medical College Hospital, he added.

‘Bangladesh Chhatra League has put this signboard up in front of Raju Memorial Sculpture. As a result, a portion of the sculpture could not be seen from a distance. Although we talked to the BCL leaders about it, they did not took steps to remove it,’ said the BSU central president Rageeb Nayeem.

He said that they had organised a programme in front of the sculpture in evening.

‘It was not possible to hold our programme with the BCL signboard on the background. So when our leaders and activists tried to remove it, the BCL leaders and activists attacked us,’ he said, adding that they demand exemplary punishment of the attackers.

Tanbir Hasan Shaikat said, ‘On the occasion of the official inauguration of TSC Metrorail metro rail station tomorrow [Wednesday], we put up a signboard in front of the Raju sculpture. We decided to keep this signboard until tomorrow but a group of leaders of left organisations came and started breaking it and tried to set it on fire. General students gave a befitting reply due to vandalism of our leader’s photo.’



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