

Case filed against ex-BCL leaders, RU officials for assaulting student in 2011



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A case was filed against six former Chhatra League (BCL) leaders, along with a former pro-vice chancellor and three officials of Rajshahi University (RU), for allegedly assaulting a student in 2011.

The case was filed yesterday by the victim's younger brother, Md Rokonzaman, with a Rajshahi Court.



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Rokonzaman revealed the details during a press conference held today at the Kazi Nazrul Islam Auditorium of the university.

In his written statement, he explained that the victim, Sardar Hasan Elias Tanim, was a student of the Arabic department during the 2008-2009 academic year.

Tanim is a former vice-president of the Rajshahi University Press Club and currently a member of Amnesty International's global community.

On August 14, 2011, Tanim went to report on the recovery of crude bombs from the storeroom of Syed Amir Ali Hall at around 2:00pm, when he was attacked by BCL leaders in the presence of the university administration.

According to Rokonuzzaman, the brutal attack was carried out by several individuals, including Ahmed Ali Molla, former president of the RU Chhatra League, Md Abu Hossain Bipu, former general secretary of the RU Chhatra League, Ruhul Amin Babu, then convenor of the Madar Bux Hall Chhatra League, and others.

Rokonuzzaman's statement also accused the then pro-VC and proctor Chowdhury Mohammad Zakaria, assistant proctor Tarek Nur, and faculty member Mushtak Ahmed of being present at the scene but failing to intervene. Instead, they allegedly instructed the attackers to continue the assault.

The case was delayed for years due to the lack of rule of law in the country, according to the plaintiff.

The Rajshahi District Metropolitan Magistrate Court took cognizance of the case and directed the Motihar Police Station to submit an investigation report by January 7, 2025.

However, Abdul Malek, officer-in-charge (OC) of Motihar Police Station said that they have not yet received any documents related to the case.

The plaintiff's lawyer, Joynal Abedin Jewel, confirmed that the case had been accepted by the court and sent for investigation.