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Difficult state at DU dormitory

A big chunk of concrete fell from the ceiling of a room at Jagannath Hall of Dhaka University with a big bang yesterday, creating panic among the residents of the dormitory, reports UNB.

Hall sources said the concrete materials fell on the table at room number 118 of Dr Govinda Chandra Dev Bhaban when its inmate Suman Talukder, a first year student of Physics Department, was sleeping at noon. However, he escaped unhurt.

Some 20 students, including Suman, residing in the hall at that time came out of their rooms.

They checked and found some 20 rooms and some corridors through which rainwater leaked from the rooftop.

The students said that the hall authorities temporarily repaired the worn parts of the hall time and again after the October 15 incident in 1985. Thirty-nine students were killed in ceiling collapse while watching TV drama at night.

The condition of Dr Jotirmoy Guh Thakurata Bhaban of the hall was stated to be similar to that of Dr Govinda Chandra Dev Bhaban.

However, the hall Provost Dr Durgadas Bhattacharya could not be contacted by phone.