

BCL activists call off strike at CU

CID called on again to investigate

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LEADERS and activists of Chittagong University Chhatra League on Tuesday afternoon called off a strike they had been observing on the campus since Monday demanding withdrawal of a case filed against their leaders and a university teacher over the reported murder of Diaz Irfan Chowdhury, a leader of Chhatra League central committee.

Meanwhile, police handed over the charge of investigation to Criminal Investigation Department that was earlier called on to over the second post-mortem examination on Diaz's body.

A CU Bangladesh Chhatra League faction, led by former university committee president Mohammed Alamgir Tipu, also the prime accused in Diaz murder, went on the strike.

Followers of Tipu locked the main gate of the university at about 5:00am on Tuesday in support of their strike, witnesses said.

They did not allowed the shuttle trains leave the Sholoshahar Station in the city for the campus in the morning.

University buses for teachers were also not allowed to move.

Classes and examinations were not held, campus sources said.

Inspector Mohsin Majumder, in-charge of CU police outpost, said they broke lock on main gate, at about 8:00am.

The strikers also demanded immediate release a teachers, who was among the 10 named as accused in the case.

Talking to New Age Mohammed Alamgir Tipu said they called off the strike after talks with the administration.

Earlier on Monday, Chittagong chief judicial magistrate Munshi M Mashiar Rahman passed an order to

send CU assistant professor Anwar Hossain Chowdhury, also former assistant proctor, to jail after rejecting his bail petition.

Anwar took six weeks bail from High Court on November 6, 2017 on condition of appearing before the lower court after six weeks.

Three other accused — Mohammed Alamgir Tipu, Abul Monsur Jamshed and Rashedul Alam Jishan — took six weeks bail from High Court on December 11, 2017 on condition of appearing before the lower court after six weeks, said sources.

Earlier on Sunday at a press conference at Chittagong Press Club, the Diaz murder suspects, who are now on bail, threatened to go for tough agitation if the case against them was not withdrawn.

Diaz Irfan Chowdhury, assistant secretary of central BCL, was found hanging at his rented house at Gate No. 2 of Chittagong University on November 20, 2016.

He was also a former student of CU finance department and former joint secretary of CU BCL unit.

Diaz's mother Jaheda Amin Chowdhury, also an employee of Chittagong University, on November 24, 2016 filed a case mentioning 10 names and unnamed eight to 10 others, including Mohammed Alamgir Tipu, former CU BCL secretary Jamshedul Alam Chowdhury, and teacher Anwar Hossain Chowdhury with a Chittagong court.

The first autopsy report, which was performed at Chittagong Medical College and Hospital, said that Diaz committed suicide but it was rejected by his family. The report of the second autopsy performed at Dhaka Medical College and Hospital said Diaz was strangled to death.

Police handed over the case to Criminal Investigation Department for investigation on Tuesday, said Belal Uddin Md Jahangir, officer-in-charge of Hathazari Police.

Md Jashim Uddin Khan, assistant superintendent of police of CID (Chittagong) said they had received the case.

Earlier, CID investigated the case as per as the court direction and submitted a report mentioning that Diaz was killed by strangulation.

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