

BCL men beat up journalists on SUST campus

Probe committee formed

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TEACHERS and students of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology on Sunday demanded exemplary punishment for the Bangladesh Chhatra League activists who had beaten up two journalists as they protested at stalking a girl on the campus.

A group of BCL activists of the university unit had earlier attacked SUST Press Club vice-president Syed Nabiul Alam, campus correspondent of Dainik Sakaler Khabar, and general secretary Sarder Abbas, campus correspondent of the Bangladesh Observer, in front of the university main entrance Saturday afternoon.

The journalists came under attack when they protested against the BCL men stalking a girl, who came to visit the campus from outside.

After the attack, Nabiul and Abbas were admitted to Sylhet Osmani Medical College Hospital and were undergoing treatment there till Sunday afternoon.

SUST teachers' association general secretary Muhibul Alam, from a rally in front of the university central library on Sunday, said that the BCL activists had earlier also insulted university teachers on the campus for protesting at their wrongdoings. 'The attackers should be expelled permanently from the campus,' he said.

Addressing the rally, anthropology professor Abdul Awal Biswas, mathematics professor Ashraf Uddin, Syed Mujtaba Ali Hall provost Sharabindu Bhattacharya, among others, called for stringent disciplinary action against the attackers.

After the rally, the protesters brought out a silent procession that paraded the main streets on the campus.

The university acting proctor Munshi Naser Ibne Afzal told New Age in the afternoon that a five-member committee, headed by civil engineering and science professor Zahir Bin Alam, was formed to investigate into the incident.

'Punitive steps would be taken against the attackers,' he said.