

BCL FACTIONAL CLASH

MC College hostel
vandalised

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AT LEAST 25 rooms of Sylhet MC College hostel was vandalised on Thursday afternoon as infighting between Bangladesh Chhatra League factions in Sylhet MC College descend into a violent clash.

College authorities asked the students to vacate the hall by 6:00pm, said the college principal Nitai Chandra Chanda, adding that they had made the decision to ensure security of the students and to avert further clashes.

A three member committee, headed by political science department chairman Abdul Kuddus, was also formed and it was asked to submit a report by a week following an investigation into the vandalism incident, said Nitai Chandra Chanda.

Students said bitter rivalry grew among college BCL factions — one led by Titu Chowdhury, another by Hossain, in recent years. On Wednesday at about 10:00am, around 25 BCL activists of

Titu group launched an attack on the hostel to occupy it and with an ambition to establish its dominance in the college.

They broke window and door panes and damaged other furniture of about 25 rooms, sufferers said.

Hostel superintendent Jamal Uddin confirmed the attack and vandalism and said that college authorities had visited the hostel.

The district BCL president Shahriar Alam Samad said he had learnt about the incident, but did not know the exact reason.

City BCL general secretary Abdul Halim Tushar, however, said BCL central committee had asked them to take punitive actions against the BCL members responsible for ransacking the hostel.

College students staged a demonstration on the campus at around 10:30am to protest against the vandalism.

Sylhet Metropolitan Police additional deputy commissioner Zedan Al Musa said the police forces were de-

ployed in the hostel area and on the college campus to avert further unwanted incident.

Shah Paran police officer-in-charge Anwarul Alam said that legal step would be taken against the attackers after receiving a written complaint from the college authorities in this regard.

Earlier on July 7 in 2012, a group of the BCL activists had set fire to the MC College hostel following a clash with the activists of Islami Chhatra Shibir, student front of Jamaat, that damaged 72 rooms of three blocks out of 6 blocks of the student hostel.

The education engineering department reconstructed 2 blocks and repaired the rooms of other one involving a fund of around Tk 5,000 and the hostel had reopened for the students in last year.

No case was filed.

In another incident, six BCL activists the college were caught by locals when the activists were battering another student at Kumargaon Bus Terminal in the city in the afternoon. People handed them over to the police.

When contacted, Jalalabad police officer-in-charge Shafiqul Islam told New Age that the local residents confined 6 students—Kaw-sar, Shawn, Rafizul, Newton Chowdhury, Sohag and Saurav when they were reportedly beating another student named Suman and handed them over to a patrolling team of the police.

