

## BCL denies extortion on CU campus

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**BANGLADESH** Chhatra League Chittagong University unit on Monday protested a news report on its leaders extorting money from a construction contractor.

Different newspapers recently reported that CU unit leaders of the ruling Awami League-backed student body allegedly suspended the construction work of a female students' dormitory named after Sheikh Hasina in demand of tolls.

The construction firm, Friends International,

owned by a former BCL leader, has been constructing two dormitories named after Sheikh Hasina and Sheikh Mujibur Rahman on the campus since January this year.

The manager of the firm on Monday claimed a gang of miscreants stabbed the driver of a sand-laden truck heading for the construction site.

Meanwhile, Shajahan, the proprietor of Friends International and a former president of the BCL CU unit, said he would not compromise with any extor-

tionist.

He also announced not to resume the construction work, if the authorities did not take steps to stop extortion on the campus.

The BCL CU unit at a press conference on Monday alleged that an anti-BCL group was spear-campaigning against its leaders.

BCL CU unit president Mamunul Haque, reading out a written speech at the conference, said they would file a defamation case against the construction firm for accusing them of extortion.