

Police deployed

Panic in JU as BCL groups clash

SAVAR, Sept 26:—Deployment of police and intra-party conflict between the pro-government Chhatra League triggered a fresh panic on the campus just two days after the release of the report on the rape of three female students, reports UNB.

Campus sources said a suspended group of BCL attacked two workers of Chhatra League in Kamaluddin Hall at 2.30 pm. They were severely beaten by them creating panic among general students.

VC Prof Alauddin Ahmed visited the scene and sent injured Hasibur Rahman Barkat, an accused in the rape case and Mahmudul Alam Babu to the Orthopaedic Hospital in Dhaka.

A source close to the group said the attackers who were suspended from BCL in connection with Ananda Murder case since November last, beat the two students for previous enmity.

They also ransacked three rooms of the dormitory before leaving the spot.

Ananda, a leader of Jahangirnagar University unit BCL, was killed by the group on November 17, 1997.

Meanwhile Ganatantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) at a press conference at the office of JU Journalists' Association this morning, expressed its strong resentment over the assault of Syndicate member AN Rasheda by BCL leaders on Thursday.

AN Rasheda, a member of the fact finding committee on the rape incident, was reportedly assaulted by the BCL activists on Thursday during the Syndicate meeting.

The GCO leaders demanded immediate action against the culprits involved in raping of three girl students on the university campus.

In a written statement, the GCO cautioned that it would launch an

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indifferent strike, if any attempt is made at tomorrow's Syndicate meeting to save the accused and their accomplices in the rape incidents.

GCO President Rafiqul Hasan Khan, VP Monon and GS Monishankar Dasgupta were present.

At another press conference this noon, Sadharan Chhatra Oikya supported the GCO and said they will not withdraw their siege programme to the Syndicate meeting if it fails to take punitive actions against the identified rapists.

Chhatra League, at its hurriedly called press meeting at 5 pm today, said their workers accused in the rape incidents would be suspended if they are found guilty after proper investigation.

The university authorities today deployed police near the administrative building on the trouble-torn campus to control the situation.

The Vice-Chancellor, however, declined to comment on the deployment of police.

JUTA demands punishment of rapists

Our JN Varsity correspondent adds: Jahangirnagar University Teachers Association (JUTA) reiterated its demand for giving exemplary punishment to those involved in the much-talked about rape incidents of

Jahangirnagar University.

JUTA President Prof Jasimuddin Ahmed and General Secretary Prof Sheikh Md Monjurul Haq in a joint statement on Saturday said that the fact finding committee report published in different dailies on Saturday has proved the rape incidents.

"The rape incidents have seriously tarnished the image of the university both nationally and internationally", the JUTA leaders said adding that we could restore peaceful atmosphere in the university and gain faith of the people by ensuring proper punishment to the rapists as per the present laws of both the university and the country.

The JUTA members earlier held three meetings and demanded proper investigation into the rape incidents and exemplary punishment to those responsible for the incidents.

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