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SN Hall incident**JCD leaders say
they are victims
of conspiracy****Varsity Correspondent**

The leaders of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, Shamsunnahar Hall unit claimed that they were victims of a "deep-rooted-conspiracy" and held Prof Sultana Shafi, responsible for the July 23 incidents at the female dormitory.

The hall unit leaders of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), who have already completed their courses and are still residing at the dormitory, gave their witness before the judicial inquiry commission on Sunday.

On the fourth day of hearing, the commission recorded statements of four JCD leaders, one general student and two police officers at its temporary office.

The JCD leaders claimed them as innocent but the media depicted them as 'villain'. "We've no intimacy with any minister as the media reported," said Halima Khanam Luci.

Coming out of the commission office, the much-talked-about JCD leader Luci blamed the ex-provost of Shamsunnahar Hall Prof Sultana Shafi as the mastermind of the incidents.

"Police entered the hall on her order," she told the reporters adding "I informed the Vice Chancellor and the Proctor", about it.

Luci, whom the common students in their statements termed as an outsider, said some activists of Chhatra League and left-leaning student bodies launched the movement.

Luci told she journalists that the students who got privileges from Prof Sultana Shafi launched the movement fearing they would be deprived had she been removed.

"I'm not an outsider rather a

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former student of the hall. The results of my Master's examination were published just two months back," Luci said.

Another JCD leader Bithika Binte Rahman said Luci and Shanta did not live in the hall regularly, on that day along with their 8-10 friends they stayed at room-235 of the hall.

Bithika added that the demonstrators were provoked to attack room-235 through loudspeakers.

Farzana Shanta said she was at her house on that night. "Hearing the news of attack on JCD activists, I rushed to the hall."

Sub-inspector Rokeya Begum said she was stationed at room-235 with 15 female constables and she did not see any male police.

The commission will record the statements of the senior police officials today (Monday). Former DU VC Prof Anwarullah Chowdhury has also been summoned by the commission. He is likely to give his statements today (Monday).

Earlier, on Saturday the judicial inquiry commission interviewed

11 female students, including Jannatul Kanon, who filed case against Prof Sultana Shafi and 28 other students.