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BCL activists attack DU reporters, four injured

Four Dhaka University correspondents of different dailies were injured, one critically, in an attack by Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at Madhu's Canteen Saturday, reports UNB.

BCL, the student wing of opposition Awami League, attacked the journalists at a press conference called by a BCL dissident group at about 12:15pm.

The injured are Kamrul Hasan Khan of Daily Star, Majharul Anwar Khan-Shipu of Daily Janakantha, Ashik Mohammad Shafi of News Today and Niladri Shekhar Pintu of Amader Samoy.

Of them, Kamrul Hasan was admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with serious head injuries.

The dissident group, led by BCL's Zahurul Haq Hall unit President Mizanur Rahman and SM Hall unit President Meherul Hasan Suhel, arranged the press conference bringing an allegation that BCL's central President and general secretary are the "agents" of Islami Chhatra Shibir and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.

As the press conference was in progress, a group of BCL activists attacked the journalists, beating them with hockey sticks and rods.

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Chairs were also thrown at the journalists indiscriminately.

The journalists had left the conference venue amidst the attack, but the dissident BCL group called them back and completed the press conference.