

BCL LEADER DIAZ'S DEATH Strike forced upon CU

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Supporters of Bangladeshi Chhatra League central leader Diaz-Irfan Chowdhury yesterday cut pipes of five coaches of two shuttle trains of Chittagong University during an indefinite strike.

The subsequent suspension of train services on security grounds caused sufferings to students.

Md Shahabuddin, station master of Sholoshahar Railway Station, could not say when services would resume.

Under the banner of "Shachetan Chhatra-Chhatri Brinda", the agitators also snatched keys of around three buses teachers use, said Md Mokaddes Mia, in-charge of CU police outpost. They also beat up three rickshaw-pullers on the campus, he added.

Proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury said classes and exams were halted for the strike. "Those who called the strike could have informed us earlier...they are creating unrest," he said.

Denying the allegations, BCL CU Vice President Nazim Uddin said they called the strike on Saturday to press their demands, including a proper investigation, a second autopsy and Assistant Proctor Anwar Hossain Chowdhury's resignation. Diaz, assistant secretary of BCL and a former joint secretary of BCL CU unit, was found hanging in his house near Gate No-2 of CU on November 20. His followers claim it a planned murder.

