

BCL men run amok in Rupganj

Block Dhaka-Sylhet highway, damage 50 vehicles as upazila unit committee disbanded; 10 injured as cops use batons

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At least 10 people were injured as police tried to disperse a group of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists of Rupganj upazila unit, who blocked the Dhaka-Sylhet highway and vandalised about 50 vehicles yesterday, protesting disbanding of the unit committee.

On Monday, the central authority of BCL disbanded the upazila unit committee led by Masum Chowdhury Apu as president and Aminul Islam Khokon as general secretary on charges of corruption, extortion, and irregularities. It also declared a new six-member body

with Hasibur Rahman Hasib as president and Hafizur Rahman Sajib as general secretary.

After the news spread, the members of the previous committee put blockades at several points, including Bhulta, Golakandail and Kanchan bridge, on the highway.

Due to the protest, traffic movement on the road and ferry services at Murapara in the Shitalakkhya river remained halted for around one hour, during which the BCL men allegedly snatched valuables from the stranded travellers.

On information, police reached the spots and used batons to

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disperse the protesters. In the incident, around 10 BCL activists were injured. Police detained several members of the previous committee, including the president, at the spots but they were

released later.

President of the previous committee Masum Chowdhury Apu alleged that the central committee of BCL had approved the new committee after taking bribes.