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Students continue demo for punishment of BCL activists

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The students of Rajshahi Polytechnic Institute on Monday continued their demonstration on campus for the second day to realise their six-point demands including punishment for the Bangladesh Chhatra League activists who assaulted their principal on Saturday.

More than fifty students of the institute staged a sit-in programme in front of the administrative building of the institute to press home their demands. Their demands also include imposing ban on student politics on the campus.

During the protest, the students alleged that the BCL men were threatening them not to take part in the demonstration against them.

Meanwhile, police arrested four more students of the institute in this connection early Monday, said additional deputy commissioner Golam Ruhul Kuddus, spokesperson of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police.

The arrestees were Mehedi Hasan Ashiq, Mehedi Hasan Hiro, Nabiul Utsya, and Khandaker Nazrul Islam.

The directorate of technical education formed a three-member committee headed by its director SM Ferdous Alam to investigate into the incident by three days.

The institute authorities found a torture cells at room no 1119, adjacent to the administration office. Iron rods and pipes were found there allegedly used to beat students up.

Noor Ullah, an English teacher of the institute, told New Age that BCL men also attempted to beat up teachers with chairs when they were not allowed to sit for examination.

RPI principal Farid Uddin Ahammed told New Age that the BCL leaders and activists always came to him to fulfil illegal demands. 'BCL men also wanted 60 per cent money from the students' welfare fund,' he said adding that they demanded money when they arranged different programmes on the institute campus.

The BCL central committee expelled RPI unit joint secretary Kamal Hossain Sourav from the organisation for his involvement in the incident.



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