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BCL faction observes strike, two injured in attack on train

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TWO railway employees were injured in Chittagong city after a faction of the ruling Awami League's student front attacked a campus-bound shuttle train on Wednesday.

The injured policemen were identified as sub-inspector Zakir Hossen and locomotive master Md Obaiduzzaman.

They are now undergoing treatment at Chittagong Medical College Hospital.

However, no student was injured in the incident, said sources.

On the day, the presence of students was thinner than any other days but exams were held as per the schedule.

Nadimuzzaman Shipu, a third year student of public administration, said that their scheduled exams were held and none missed the exam.

Meanwhile, several hundred students were compelled to return to their residence as the shuttle train operation was suspended following the attack carried by the agitating group.

Shah Alam Monju, a second year student of accounting department, said that he was bound to return from Sholoshar Railway Station as there was no university-bound shuttle train.

The shuttle trains between the Chittagong University campus and the city remained suspended till

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filing of this report at 6:00pm after the attack.

Bangladesh Chhatra League activists have been agitating since last Monday demanding that the new BCL committee of the university unit be dissolved.

Md Shahabuddin, master of the Sholashar Rail Station, said rail police sub-inspector and a locomotive master were treated at Chittagong Medical College Hos-

pital after they were injured by stones hurled by the agitators.

The agitators blocked the day's first shuttle train to the campus at the Jhautala station for more than an hour from 8:00am, he said, adding that although the blockade was lifted, their train came under attack at Murdapur area, which forced them to stop the shuttle service.

BCL Chittagong University unit's committee was announced on Sunday.

A BCL faction started agitation against the committee on Monday and announced a blockade for Wednesday after two days of protest on the campus.

Rejaul Hoque Rubel, an aggrieved BCL leader, who aspired for a post in the committee, said that those who were dedicated and played active role in ousting Shibir men from the campus were deprived of post in the existing committee.

'We will continue the indefinite strike until our demands are met,' said Rubel.

CU proctor Ali Asgar Chowdhury said, 'We deployed additional police forces to head off any unexpected incident on the campus.'

Assistant proctor Newaz Morshed Ripon said that they held a meeting between the two factions about the ongoing crisis and hoped that an acceptable solution would come very soon.