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BCL man beats up blind CU student

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A visually impaired student of Chittagong University was beaten up allegedly by an activist of Bangladesh Chhatra League on Sunday night over a trifling matter.

The victim, Shukkur Alam, a 3rd-year student of philosophy department, was beaten up by Morshedul Alam Rifat, a student of CU management department, also a member of the shuttle train based BCL group Bijoy.

Shukkur said that Rifat teased him as he went to a shop to buy bread, and Shukkur protested against it. On his way back, Rifat beat him with stick near Suhrawardy Hall indiscriminately about 8:30pm.

Shukkur was upset at the attack and said sorry to Rifat as he could not recognise the BCL member for being visually disabled. "I underwent a major surgery on my left eye a couple of months ago," he begged excuse, but Rifat punched him on his eyes too.

CU Medical Centre doctor Subhasish Chowdhury said that Shukkur was beaten up badly. He said that they gave him primary treatment and asked him to go to Chittagong Medical College Hospital for further treatment.

Bijoy group leader and former organising secretary of CU BCL unit Mohammad Ilias Hossain said that action would be taken against Rifat if he was found guilty.

Soon after the incident, Disabled Students Society of Chittagong University staged demonstration in front of Suhrawardy Hall and issued 24-hour ultimatum to the university authority to arrest the attacker.

Later, about 11:00pm on Sunday night, they stopped demonstration following the assurance of university authorities of taking steps against the accused.

CU acting proctor Pranab Mitra Chowdhury termed the attack incident inhumane. He said stern action would be taken after getting written complaint from the victim.

Rifat could not be reached over mobile phone for his comment.

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