

RU Student Beaten up in Dorm: Accused yet to be arrested, probe body formed

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RU students demonstrating on campus yesterday. Photo: Collected

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Police are yet to arrest the two Chhatra League activists, who allegedly confined a student of Rajshahi University to a dormitory room and beat him up with iron rods and sticks on Saturday night.

The victim -- Shohrab Mia, a third-year student of Department of Finance and Banking -- was admitted to Rajshahi Medical College Hospital. Doctors said Shohrab needed 15 stitches on his head, his left arm broke in two places, and he had injuries in his legs.

The two accused are Rakibul Islam alias Asif Luck of Islamic Studies department and Humayun Kabir Nahid of Bangla department. They allegedly beat up Shohrab following a dispute over a stolen laptop.

Hafizur Rahman, officer-in-charge of Motihar Police Station, said the two have fled the city. "We are continuing our drives to arrest them. Members of the Detective Branch are also assisting us."

He said a case was filed against three students in connection with the attack. Besides Asif and Nahid, Akimul Islam Rifat, a resident student of room-254 [at Shaheed Shamsuzzoha Hall] where the incident took place, was also accused in the case.

Rifat was arrested right after the case was filed, the police official said.

Yesterday, RU authorities formed a five-member probe committee in this regard, said Proctor Prof Lutfor Rahman. “The administration also decided to suspend those two students,” the proctor said.

Around noon, hundreds of students, mostly from finance department, staged a sit-in in front of the administration building, demanding justice for Shohrab and strict punishment for the accused.

At one point, the proctor visited the spot and declared the suspension order, quoting Vice Chancellor Prof Abdus Sobhan.

Later, students withdrew the demonstration, and gave an ultimatum of seven days to expel the accused from the institution.

Prior to that, a group of teachers and students formed a human chain on the campus around 10am with similar demands.