

# Nizami manhandled at DU Violence mars meet on anti-violence

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Jamaat-e-Islami parliamentary group leader Maulana Matiur Rahman Nizami was manhandled by a group of unruly students on Dhaka University campus when he alongwith some political leaders went to attend an anti-violence meeting convened by the DU Vice-Chancellor Monday.

Six others including the DU VC Prof M Moniruzzaman Miah and BKSAL Chairman Mohiuddin Ahmed MP received minor

injuries in the incident that marred the anti-violence meeting, at the VC's office.

Maulana Nizami was admitted to Ibne Sina Clinic with multiple injuries. Eyewitnesses said supporters of pro-Awami League Chhatra League, pro-BKSAL Jatiya Chhatra League and pro-JSD (Inu) Chhatra League launched the attack on Maulana Nizami describing him as an anti-liberation element.

The Vice-Chancellor and the

BKSAL chairman received injuries while trying to protect Maulana Nizami from the unruly students.

Members of law enforcing agencies were present outside the VC's office, but remained inactive during the attack. However, they brought Maulana Nizami out of the VC's office about 20 minutes after the incident.

The incident occurred at about 12.20 p m when Maulana Nizami

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and others political leaders and members of syndicate were having tea, prior to the start of the meeting to evolve means to bring an end to terrorism on the campus. A group of students and youths

entered the office of VC chanting slogans and demanded that Maulana Nizami would not be allowed on the campus.

They also demanded that Maulana Nizami be thrown out of the VC's room. But the VC tried to pacify the unruly students saying that since they did not want Maulana Nizami there, he would give a solution within 15 minutes. When the students were about to come out of the room.

Another group of 50 to 60 students belonging to a different organisation stormed the VC's office and started assaulting Maulana Nizami.

BKSAL chairman tried to dissuade the unruly students and at one stage be lay down on the

floor in an attempt to prevent them from the attack on Maulana Nizami.

Other political leaders and syndicate members present appealed to the students to stop violence. At one stage some students told the VC that they wanted to go out, but they were being resisted by the police. The VC went out of his office and asked the police officer on duty to allow the students go out.

During the absence of the VC, students continued to assault Maulana Nizami and smashed the telephone set and table glass in the VC's room, however, some people managed to take the Jamaat leader to another room from where police rescued him later.

Some syndicate members informed that the police present in the room could easily save Maulana Nizami from the assault if they wanted to do it.

Political leaders who were present at the anti-violence meeting included : Syed Altaf Hossain of Ganotantri Party, Rashed Khan Menon MP of Workers Party, Shahjahan Siraj MP of JSD (Siraj) AFM Mahbubul Haque of BSD, Dr Mustaque Hossain of JSD, Abdullah Sarkar of BSD, Mahmudur Rahman of Janata Mukti Party, Shahina Khan of Bangladesh Janata Dal, Kamal Haider of National Awami Party, Mujahidul Islam Selim of CPB and Major Gen (Retd.) C R Dutta of Hindu, Boiddha, Christian Oikya Parishad.

Following the incident, different student organisation barring Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) organised a joint rally near the Vice-Chancellor's office protesting presence of anti-liberation forces on the campus.