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Confinement of Provost

Incident yet to be reported to DU authorities

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No action was taken until yesterday against the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League who allegedly confined the Provost of Surya Sen Hall of the Dhaka University over an argument for free meals on Friday.

Campus sources said that the incident was not reported to DU authorities and that was the reason why no action had yet been taken regarding the matter.

Campus sources said a group of BCL activists went to the dining mess of Surya Sen Hall of Dhaka University at about 11pm on Friday night and demanded free meals from the Provost Prof AFM Yusuf Haider who was present there at the moment.

Following his refusal, the BCL members locked the gate of the mess and took away the keys from the guard leaving the provost and one of his house tutors confined in the room for about 15 minutes. The BCL activists later returned the key to the guard, hall sources said.

Residents of the hall alleged that of activists of the hall unit of BCL including those who were involved in Friday's incident, used to take free meals from the hall canteen for quite some time now.

Dr Zahidul Islam, a house tutor of the hall on Sunday night admitted the occurrence of the incident but said that it had not been informed to the university authorities. He did not cite any reason as to why it had not yet been reported.

He said that one hall unit leader of BCL had come to the mess and apologised on behalf of his friends. "But the actual culprits are yet to apologise for their nuisance," he added.

When contacted, Proctor of the DU Prof AKM Nurunnabi told The Daily Star that he was not informed about the matter.