

BCL men clash at CU, BRUR

Six activists, one cop injured; taking control of hall, stalking of female student the reasons

STAR REPORT

Six leaders and activists of the Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and a policeman were injured in factional clashes at Chittagong University yesterday and at Begum Rokeya University, Rangpur (BRUR) on Monday evening.

Two factions of BCL fought with each other at CU allegedly over taking control of Suhrawardy Hall, injuring two activists and a police constable, reported our CU correspondent.

The injured are ex-cultural affairs secretary Jamir Uddin and former deputy office secretary Emad Ahmed Sahil. The identity of the constable could not be known immediately.

They were sent to CU Medical Centre.

Witnesses said the clash took place between the loyalists of CU BCL President Mohammad Alamgir and its General Secretary Fazle Rabby Sujan.

Sujan said Alamgir's men attacked them at Suhrawardy Hall while the latter were discussing distribution of seats at the dormitory.

However, Alamgir alleged that Sujan was "organising" activists of the Islami Chhatra Shibir and his men just protested it.

Witnesses reported hearing of some 20 blank shots and seeing each group pelt the other with stones during the clash. The fighting broke out around 5:30pm.

Police used teargas and brought the situation under control about one hour later.

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Md Salauddin Chowdhury, inspector (investigation) of Hathazari Police Station, said additional police were deployed to prevent further violence. None was arrested, he said.

At BRUR, four leaders and activists were injured when the BCL men clashed over passing of comments at a female student on Monday morning, reported our Rangpur correspondent.

Md Ali Raj, vice president of BRUR unit BCL, Titas Chandra Roy, the unit's joint general secretary, and activists Shamim

Ahmed and Adnan were admitted to Rangpur Medical College Hospital.

Police said loyalists of Mehedy Hasan Shishir, BCL president at BRUR, fought with followers of Hadiuzzaman Hadi, expelled vice president of the university unit. They used sharp weapons, bamboo sticks, and iron rods.

Students said a loyalist of Shishir had passed comments at a female student in the morning, which Hadi's followers protested, leading to the clash in the evening. Shishir and Hadi blamed each other for the violence.