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Shibir, BCL clash at CU campus : 25 hurt

CHITTAGONG, Dec 24:—At least 5 persons including 18 students, 4 teachers and two newsmen were injured in series of clashes between Islami Chhatra Shibir (ICS) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on Chittagong University (CU) campus today, reports BSS.

BCL called strike for indefinite period at CU from tomorrow protesting what they said "attacked" on the BCL leaders and workers by

the ICS activists" and arrest of attackers, campus and police sources said.

Sources said the clash erupted when ICS activist Rezaul and BCL supporter Jewel locked into hot exchange of words and later at one stage of altercation reportedly attacked Rezaul centering stand on the queue in front of Agrani Bank CU branch for depositing money around 12 noon.

BCL claimed that its CU unit Joint Secretary Tania Afsari Champa and workers Sujan, Samrat, Ashik, Santu, Sabuj and Moinul Mostafa and General Secretary of Chhatra Front CU chapter Jamir Uddin Rasel were injured during the attack.

On the other hand, ICS claimed that its leaders and workers including Masudur Rahman, Serajul Islam, Shohel, Nesar, Meraj, Kawser, Rezaul Karim and Abul Kashem were injured in the clashes.

The teachers who came under attack by unruly students and received injuries are Assistant Professor Ashiqur Rahman, Hossain Kabir of Public Administration Department, Ruhul Amin of Political Science Department, Dewar Hossain of Journalism Department and Helaluddin Nizami. Two photo journalists -Imran Hossain of daily Janakontha and Moshiur Rahman Badal of daily Jai Jai Din also injured while they were performing their professional duties during the clashes. Unruly students damaged the camera of Imran.

Sources said ICS activists reportedly started attacking indiscriminately the activists of BCL and left leaning students organizations at different faculties on the campus with lethal weapons.

They also damaged three ambulances in CU Rail Station area stopping the vehicles carrying the injured BCL activists at 3 p.m.

BCL activists also retaliated and attacked on the ICS workers at different places on the campus.