

# BCL continues protest at RU against teacher's 'inappropriate act'

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LEADERS and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League, the ruling Awami League backed student organisation, on Monday continued their protest for the eighth consecutive day, demanding punishment of a Rajshahi University teacher over his alleged sexual harassment of an activist of BCL on December 16.

The teacher, ATM Rafiqul Islam, an assistant professor of Islamic History and Culture department, however, has denied the allegation.

Over a hundred of leaders and activists of BCL RU unit

brought out a protest procession on the campus.

The BCL RU unit president, Mizanur Rahman Rana, while addressing a rally, said eight days have been elapsed since the victim filed a written complaint. But they are not seeing any action to this end.

'In spite of a sexual allegation against Rafiqul Islam, how can he perform as the in-charge of the (female student) hall,' he asked.

'If the universities do not take punitive actions against Rafiqul Islam, we will go for tougher movements', warned the BCL president.

Earlier on Friday, the RU

authorities formed a three-member probe body, headed by RU students' adviser Professor Sadequ Arefin, to investigate into the allegation.

On November 20, a first year student of linguistic department and also an activist of BCL RU unit submitted a written complaint against ATM Rafiqul Islam to the university vice-chancellor Professor Muhammad Mizanuddin demanding exemplary punishment of the teacher for assaulting her sexually.

Rafiqul Islam, however, denied the allegation and said he had not conversed with the student on 16th December.



Md Saifur Rahman Patwary, deputy managing director of First Security Islamic Bank Limited, hands over the crest to Sadman Shoumik Ahmed, the champion of intra-varsity financial competency competition branded as FOCUS 15. Finance Forum, a wing of Career Counselling Centre of United International University, organised the competition on the university campus on December 19.

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