

Attacks on reporters, students

DU temporarily expels 4 JCD activists

Authorities at Dhaka University Saturday expelled four students and activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal for allegedly assaulting three journalists and 10 other students on the campus, reports UNB.

A meeting of the Syndicate, the university's highest decision-making body, took the decision with vice chancellor SMA Faiz in the chair.

The Syndicate also assigned a five-member committee with arts

faculty dean Prof Sadrul Amin as convener to probe the incident that took place Thursday midnight. The committee has got three weeks to submit its report to the VC detailing their findings.

The expelled students are Aminul Islam Amin, a 3rd year student of Department of Anthropology, Shishir of Department of History, Belayet of Department of Music and Drama, Shaiful of Department of Sociology.

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Allegations have it that Aminul Islam, president of JCD's A F Rahman Hall unit, led 30-35 followers to attack three reporters and 10 students of Mass Communication and Journalism department Thursday midnight.

The violence occurred after an altercation between the students and a team that was shooting a commercial drama for a private channel.

The television team asked the students and the campus reporters, who were celebrating birthday of a friend in front of Rokeya Hall, to leave the area. But the students requested them to show their permission for shooting on campus. They failed to show and said they have got clearance from JCD leader Aminul.

As the students refused to leave the area Aminul's accomplices rushed in and attacked them.

Prof Faiz said the expelled students would not be allowed to sit for examinations until the investigation committee submits its final report to the authorities.

Earlier Saturday, the students of MCI department brought out a silent procession and submitted memorandum to the Vice Chancellor demanding suspension of studentship of Aminul Islam and his accomplices.

At the procession the students said that it was the third attack on journalists in recent months by the JCD people.

A case was filed with Shahbag police station by the victims in this connection.

The JCD's DU unit also cancelled the membership of three activists following the Syndicate decision. They are Aminul, Shishir and Belayet.

Meanwhile, Saturday's Syndicate meeting also asked the probe committee to investigate allegations of demanding toll by the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League from the contractor of a five-storey residential building being constructed at Jagannath Hall.