

VC's office gheraoed after BCL GS's rearrest

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Agitating activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the students' wing of Awami League, on Tuesday gheraoed the Dhaka University vice-chancellor's office and kept the VC confined in his office demanding of release of the BCL general secretary Mahfuzul Haider Chowdhury Roton.

About 150 leaders and activists of BCL surrounded the VC's office at about 4.00pm in protest against re-arrest of the detained BCL GS Roton from Mymensingh jail and demanded his immediate release.

At one stage, the angry activists ransacked several teachers' vehicles parked outside the VC's office, damaged some windowpanes of the building and also set fire to some chairs. Later, they locked the main gates with the VC and other officials of the university held inside the building. Police deployed at the place, but later withdrew.

BCL GS Roton was freed from Mymensingh jail at about 10:30am on Tuesday and was kept at the visiting room of the jail. Later, police re-arrested him from the visiting room at around 2:30pm. After hearing the news, the BCL activists went to VC's office to express their resentment.

Roton was arrested by joint force from Carzon Hall area on the campus for violating the emergency power rules (EPR) on January 16 last year. Earlier, the BCL observed a 24-hours token hunger strike demanding his release on Sunday.