

## 30 IU teachers injured in BCL attack

**IU correspondent**

AT LEAST 30 teachers were injured as the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League attacked a sit-in programme on the Islamic University campus Monday.

The injured took first aid from the IU medical centre. IU teachers association and the local units of Bangabandhu Parishad, Zia Parishad, Green Forum and Pro-

gressive Students' Alliance condemned the attack.

The Islamic University Teachers' Association organised the sit-in demanding resignation of vice-chancellor M Alauddin, pro-VC Kamal Uddin and treasurer Shahjahan holding them responsible for the stalemate at the university for the last three months.

A group of BCL activists along with outsiders and

led by its IU unit president Jahangir Hossain and secretary Shamsuzzaman Tuhin took out a procession in front of the administrative building and chanted slogans against the teachers protest programme. At one point, the BCL men brandishing firearms, pounced on the teachers and started beating them, leaving 30 of them injured.

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Teachers' association president Yakub Ali and secretary ASM Tariqul Islam, IU unit Bangabandhu Parishad president Abul Ahsan Chowdhury and its secretary Ruhul Kuddus Saleh, IU unit Zia Parishad secretary Ruhul Amin Bhuiyan, Green Forum president Abu Sinha were among the injured

teachers. IU chemistry department's former chairman Manirujjaman, biotechnology department chairman Anwarul Haque and law faculty dean Shahjahan Mondal were also injured.

Later BCL activists held a meeting at the entrance to the administrative building confining teachers for about an hour.

The teachers were agitating in administrative building demanding immediate resignation of the trio, punishment of the attackers and declared the VC, pro-VC, treasurer and proctor Meher Ali 'persona non grata' in Kushtia and Jhenidah.

A group of employees joined the BCL men in a second wave of attack hurl-

ing stones at the teachers in the arts faculty building in presence of the vice-chancellor and pro-vice chancellor.

Police brought the situation under control.

The IU teachers' association continued work abstention from November 11 in protest at alleged recruitment trade in the university.