

## BCL man pulls out gun on journalists at Rajshahi Univ

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**BANGLADESH** Chhatra League activists assaulted journalists who were covering vandalism carried out by the activists at the physics department of Rajshahi University on Tuesday as one of their fellows failed first year final exams.

The failed student, Nasim Ahmed Setu, also pointed a pistol at the journalists. His fellows, however, snatched away the pistol before he could pull the trigger, witnesses said.

The activists of the ruling Awami League-backed student organisation also forced photojournalists to delete the photos they had snapped during the vandalism.

The witnesses said that around 30 to 40 activists led by its Rajshahi University unit Chhatra League unit organising secretary Touhid-al-Tuhin and Madar Bux Hall unit president

Tarim Ahmed and deputy library affairs secretary Nasim Ahmed Setu vandalised five chambers of the physics department teachers, including its chairmen Mushfikur Rahman at around noon.

They assaulted Sakaler Khabor and Janakantha photojournalists Azhar Ali and Selim Jahangir respectively as they snapped the vandalism.

They also assaulted RU correspondents Nazim Mridha of New Age, MA Sayeed Shuvo of Daily Star and Sujon Najeer of Sakaler Khabor, who tried to rescue the photojournalists.

The department chair, Mushfikur Rahman, confirmed the incident and said Nasim had scored 2.14 grade points, while the pass mark was 2.50 grade points.

Nasim dropped out of the department automatically as he had failed the first year final exams twice, Mushfikur added.

Nasim alleged that the teachers had not given him sufficient marks in tutorial exams and class attendance.

Ru Chhatra League president Ahmed Ali apologised to the journalists and requested not to publish reports about the incident.

Rajshahi University Journalists Association and different social, cultural and political organisations condemned the incident and demanded punishment of the Chhatra League activists.

The proctor, Chowdhury Mohammad Zakaria, said that stern actions would be taken against the perpetrators.

Earlier, different newspapers had published photos, which showed that Nasim was firing bullets during a clash between the Chhatra League and Chhatra Shibir at the university on October 2, 2012.