

RU VIOLENCE

2 BCL men held with firearm

RU CORRESPONDENT

The Detective Branch of Police yesterday arrested two members of Rajshahi University unit Chhatra League in connection with the attack on students demonstrating on campus on February 2.

The detainees are Sudipta Salam,



Asif

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former joint general secretary of RU unit Chhatra League, and Akhterul Islam Asif, its organising secretary.

During the arrest, police recovered a pistol from Sudipta.

The duo was seen brandishing firearms at students who were protesting against fee hike and evening masters programme on February 2. That day, Chhatra League men backed by police swooped on students leaving

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around 100 students injured including 27 bullet-hit.

Saidur Rahman Bhuiyan, officer-in-charge of the Detective Branch of Rajshahi Metropolitan Police, said they had arrested Sudipta and Asif around 12:30pm at Tukitaki Chatter on the campus.

Meanwhile, in protest at the arrests, the RU unit Chhatra League, student wing of ruling Awami League, yesterday vandalised two buses and two offices of the university.

Witnesses said more than 50 Chhatra League activists led by its RU unit president Rashedul Islam Ranju and joint secretary Golam Kibria had vandalised the doors, window panes and furniture of the proctor's and public relations administrator's offices.

The activists later blocked the Dhaka-Rajshahi highway for an hour.

RU BCL unit general secretary SM Tawhid-Al-Hossain Tuhin condemned the arrests saying that police had arrested Chhatra League men leaving the Shibir cadres, who often severe tendons of BCL activists, untouched.

RU proctor Prof Tariqul Hasan told The Daily Star that police would take action against whosoever tried to destabilise the campus.