

BCL men besiege Sust VC for 3hrs

Claim to protest selection of 'unqualified Shibir men' as teachers; authorities deny

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A group of Awami League-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League activists, yesterday besieged the vice-chancellor of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (Sust) for three hours at his office, protesting what they claimed, authorities' bid to appoint six "Shibir" men as lecturers dropping "qualified candidates".

Around 50 activists joined the agitation to stop a pre-scheduled syndicate meeting on the day, which was to okay the appointment of the lecturers selected earlier.

The agitators suspended their programme after assurance from VC Prof Md Aminul Haque Bhuiyan that he would look into the matter, said Niloy Chandra Sarker, assistant proctor.

The syndicate meeting, however, began at 2:00pm, three hours after its scheduled time.

Earlier, around 10:00am, the BCL men locked up the main gate of the Registrar Building, as the Sust syndicate was to confirm the appointment of the six, three each in civil and environment engineering and chemistry departments.

Anjan Roy, BCL vice president of Sust unit, said they had withdrawn their programme after assurance from the VC.

He added that the authorities had selected "unqualified Shibir men" as teachers dropping meritorious candidates.

Continued, on condition of anonymity, a syndicate member said the issue of appointments was dropped

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from the yesterday's meeting agendas following the agitation.

The selection of the six teachers was done maintaining due process, he said, adding that some teachers of the university had played a role behind the BCL agitation as their chosen candidates were not selected.