

## JCD men assault journos, students at DU

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Leaders and activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, student wing of BNP, assaulted three journalists and at least 10 students of department of mass communication and journalism of Dhaka University (DU) early yesterday.

Sources said around 25 Chhatra Dal cadres led by Sir AF Rahman Hall Chhatra Dal Unit President, Aminur Rahman Amin attacked the journalists and students near Teacher Student Centre (TSC) on the campus with iron rods, cricket stumps, sticks and machetes.

Shah Alam Kiron, a second year student and a contributing reporter of daily New Age, was rushed to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH) with severe injuries to his back, hand and leg. He was moved to National Institute

for Traumatology and Orthopaedic Rehabilitation (NITOR) on recommendation of DMCH doctors.

The injured journalists are: Hasan Titol, DU correspondent of TV channel ATN Bangla, Soleman Niloy, DU correspondent of Dainik Janata and Biplob Sarker, DU correspondent of Dainik Bhorer Kagoj.

The other injured include Nadim Mahmud, Ork Asif Shawon, Durjoy, Deen Islam Angel, Habibur Rahman and Tarek. They received treatment at DU medical centre.

Sources said a number of students of the department were involved in an altercation with a film crew shooting a TV series in front of Rokeya Hall around 12:30am. Amin reached the spot, called in Chhatra Dal cadres and had the students beaten up.

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Chhatra Dal, we did not even know Amin. The Chhatra Dal cadres suddenly attacked us," said Habib, a student of mass communication and journalism department.

Later in the afternoon, students of mass communication and journalism department held a press conference at Madhur Canteen demanding exemplary punishment for Chhatra Dal cadres who attacked them. They also demanded immediate expulsion of Amin and the Chhatra Dal cadres from the university.

The students will stage demonstrations on the campus and submit a memorandum before the DU Vice-chancellor Prof SMA Faiz today. They will hold a solidarity rally comprising teachers, intellectuals, journalists, lawyers and students Tuesday.

DU Chhatra Dal President Hasan Mamun told reporters that Amin and his followers were involved in the incident. He said Chhatra Dal would take immediate organisational measures against the people responsible.

DU Proctor Prof AK Firoz Ahmed told The Daily Star that filming of any kind is illegal on campus if it is without permission. The university authorities would certainly take strict actions against the people responsible, he added.