

Report

## Movement for quota-free BCS

# Uneasy calm prevails on DU campus following Shibir's involvement

Uneasy calm prevails on Dhaka University campus as Islamic Chhatra Shibir, banned by DU Paribesh Parishad, is reportedly out to open its activities on the campus in the name of quota-free BCS movement, reports UNB.

Campus sources said that at least three violent incidents took place on the campus between activists of the Shibir, Chhatra League and left-leaning student outfits in last few days over the involvement of Shibir in the quota-free BCS movement.

The student organizations said Shibir is trying to start its activities on the campus in the name of quota-free BCS movement.

On Tuesday, students got panicked in Mohsin Hall, as Shibir activists from various halls gathered in front of the dormitory to attack Chhatra League workers who earlier allegedly assaulted a Shibir leader.

On Monday, two activists of Shibir - Faruk and Aminul, ex-presidents of Sir AF Rahman Hall Chhatra Shibir Unit were beaten up by a group of left-leaning students near the Arts Building.

Moreover, two Shibir activists came under the wrath of left-leaning and Chhatra League workers in front of the Madhu's canteen Wednesday.

Jaiyatabadi Chhatra Dal has decided to observe the campus situation quietly, party sources said.

Talking to UNB, leaders of Chhatra League and left-leaning outfits said the quota system in BCS jobs can be reviewed, but they will not tolerate any activities of Shibir on the campus capitalizing on the quota issue.

"If the government wants, it can review the quota system. But quota system must not be abol-

ished, particularly the quota for freedom fighters. It is Shibir which is trying to use the sentiment of general students to stop quota provision for the freedom fighters," DU BCL general secretary Sajjad Sakib Badshah told UNB.

Badshah said that Shibir is a banned organization on the campus, now it uses the quota issue as a ploy to open its activities on the campus.

Chhatra Union president Manabendra Dev said all progressive forces on the campus will at any cost resist the Shibir.

Talking to UNB, Prof. Dr AAMS Arefin Siddique, former president of Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) said with the quota facility for the freedom fighters, the state had shown respect for the martyrs of the liberation war.

"Now if the government stops the freedom fighters' quota, it will be an insult on the freedom fighters. Keeping the quota for the freedom fighters unchanged, quotas for districts can be reviewed," he said.

Dr Arefin said it is the Jammal that killed thousands of freedom fighters and innocent people during the liberation war. "Now its student wing is out to snatch the state-sponsored honor for the freedom fighters."

He said what the Shibir forces are doing on the campus is nothing but cheating with the nation. Shibir is confusing the general students and people in the name of quota-free BCS jobs."