

BCL attacks Shibir-run coaching centres

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CHHATRA League activists vandalised university admission coaching centre Focus at Farmgate in Dhaka and Focus and medical admission coaching centre Retina in Mymensingh, all run by Islami Chhatra Shibir, on Thursday afternoon.

In the capital Dhaka, a group of Chhatra League activists of the Tejgaon College and the Dhaka Polytechnic Institute unit stormed into the coaching centre housed on the second floor of the Concord Tower at Farmgate about 3:00pm, the coaching centre's supervisor Nasir Uddin said.

Activists of Chhatra League, backed by the ruling Awami League, vandalised the furniture and computers of the coaching centre, run by Chhatra Shibir, backed by the Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami, and left the place after half an hour, witnesses said. A man was injured.

They also vandalised windows of Al-Raji Hospital housed on the same floor of the building, the witnesses said.

The Tejgaon police officer-in-charge, Omar Faruq, told New Age that a group of students had attacked the coaching centre but they were yet to establish whether they were Chhatra League activists.

Students vandalise coaching centres for various issue such as tuition fees. We are working to establish who had attacked the centre and why, he said. No case was filed.

In Mymensingh, a group of BCL activists attacked the branches Focus and Retina in the afternoon, New Age correspondent in the district said.

Witnesses said that the Mymensingh city and district unit Chhatra League had brought out a procession from the Shahid Minar against the violence of

Jamaat and Shibir about 4:30pm.

When the procession reached the Natun Bazar crossing, the activists pelted the Focus office with stones. They then vandalised Retina office in the Charpara crossing and damaged the sign and furniture.

The Kotwali police officer-in-charge, Fazlul Karim said that policemen had been deployed at the place to head off any trouble.

On Wednesday, Rajshahi city unit Chhatra League attacked Retina office at Bosepara hours after Shibir activists had cut the tendon in the left leg of a Chhatra League leader on the Rajshahi University campus in the evening.

The police, meanwhile, arrested 17 activists of Jamaat and Shibir at places across the country on Thursday.

In Manikganj, the police arrested Nurul Islam Nahid, secretary of the district unit Chhatra Shibir, at his village

Purba Para of Ghior early Thursday, the New Age correspondent said.

In Mymensingh, the police arrested five Chhatra Shibir activists and two Jamaat-e-Islami leaders, a ward unit amir of Jamaat, on Tuesday night, the correspondent said.

In Narail, the police arrested 10 Jamaat and Shibir activists at places in the district headquarters early Thursday on charge of attacking the police on November 5, the correspondent said.

In Narayanganj, a councillor of the Narayanganj City Corporation was held when he went to police station to have a Jamaat activist, detained on charges of 'suspicious activities' released, according to the news agency bdnews24.com.

The Narayanganj sadar police officer-in-charge, Manjur Kader, said that the Ward 17 councillor Alamgir Hossain was held after midnight.