

BCL men held for abducting DU admission seeker

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A DHAKA University admission seeker, who was abducted for extortion by some ruling party-backed Chhatra League leaders, was rescued a day later on Saturday.

Students said Harun-or-Rashid Hira was abducted on Friday from room 208 of Mukti-joddha Ziaur Rahman Hall for a ransom of Tk 1, 20,000.

Hira passed his Higher Secondary Certificate Examination from Savar Cantonment School and College.

He was abducted after he had appeared in the admission test of DU.

The Detective Branch of Dhaka Metropolitan Police (West) arrested BCL Ziaur Rahman Hall chapter activist Habib, a third year student of the department of world religions as he locked the victim in his room following altercations over cheating in the admission test held on Friday.

Habib, a supporter of

Chhatra League's DU unit president Mehdi Hasan Molla, has a record of involvement in extortions and snatchings on the campus, said Chhatra League sources.

DB sources said BCL activists of Ziaur Rahman Hall unit, Habib a third year student of the department of world religion and culture, Kazi Motahar Hossain Prince, a Master's student of Islamic Studies, Manju of international relations, Rubel Biswas of Jahangirnagar University offered Hira an opportunity of admission into DU through 'digital cheating'.

When they asked Hira to take his watch with him in the exam hall, he refused to do it as watches and electronic gadgets are not allowed there, the Chhatra League activists took away his SSC and HSC certificates.

They asked Hira to take back his certificates after the admission test.

Accordingly, as Hira went

to their room for his certificates, the BCL activists locked him and demanded Tk 1, 20, 000 in ransom.

They asked Hira to get the money from his family over phone.

Hira's family immediately contacted DB police and sent the ransom money through a courier service on Saturday.

The police arrested Habib and Rubel when they went to collect the money from the office of the courier service at Elephant Road.

DB officer Touhidul Islam said that action would be taken against the offenders.

When contacted, BCL DU unit president Mehdi Hasan told New Age that the offenders must be punished.

DU proctor Amzad Ali told New Age that the offenders would be expelled from the university.

'It is for the police to take further action under the law,' he said.