

BCL men attack IU finance students

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AT LEAST 10 students were injured, including six female students, on Saturday as ruling party-backed students attacked a procession brought out in demand of annulment of the suspension of an Islamic University teacher in Kushtia.

Teachers and students of the finance and banking department of the university demanded withdrawal of the suspension of Md Asaduzzaman, a departmental teacher who was charged with sexual harassment.

They announced boycotting classes and examinations until their demand is met.

They also demanded punishment of the complainant female student who allegedly made a fake accusation against the teacher. Posters also were pasted on the campus, supporting of the teacher.

Witnesses said a silent procession was brought out from in front

of the business faculty at about 10:00am, demanding immediate withdrawal of the suspension of the lecturer who is also the assistant proctor of the university.

A group of Bangladesh Chhatra League activists attacked the procession while the protesters tried to form a human chain and submitted a memorandum to the IU vice-chancellor to press for their demands.

The BCL men also snatched and burnt the banner and placards. They also assaulted the students, leaving 10 of them, including six female students, injured. The injured were admitted to IU medical centre.

Later, the proctorial body intervened in the matter and brought the situation under control.

A section of the classmates of the girl told New Age, on anonymity, that she herself had been making calls and sending irritating text messages to the accused teacher's mo-

bile phone for a long time. She also used to disturb the teacher during classes.

They alleged that the complainant female student has deep relations with several BCL leaders which is open secret.

Campus sources said that a group of teachers used the girl because the accused teacher acted against the panel of the VC and the pro-VC during the internal election of the Shapla Forum, a pro-Awami League and progressive teachers' association.

IU BCL secretary Shamsuzzaman Tuhin said that the attackers were not BCL men and we demanded proper investigation of the incident.

Ruhul Amin, a lecturer of the finance and banking department, who led the procession, told New Age that the BCL men attacked their peaceful procession.

'We demand immediate punishment of the attackers and withdrawal of suspension of the accused teacher,' he added.