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BUET pro-VC in confinement for second day

Students vow to continue demo

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THE Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology students continued their agitation for the second day on Sunday, demanding exemplary punishment for the Chhatra League activists who beat up a student of the university.

They kept the university pro-vice-chancellor, M Habibur Rahman, along with a number of teachers, in confinement for the second day

and vowed to continue it until the three activists of the BCL, ruling Awami League-backed student organisation, were not expelled permanently.

'We will keep the pro-VC in confinement until the authorities implement their decision taken at an emergency meeting last night to expel the BCL men,' one of the protesters, seeking anonymity, told New Age.

Campus sources said

BCL activists Saifulah Shikder Mithun of mechanical engineering, Sujit Shaha of materials and metallurgical engineering and Arif Rayhan Dip of mechanical engineering — all residents of Nazrul Islam Hall — beat up their senior fellow Tawsif Ishan Saturday noon, leaving him seriously injured.

At this, several hundred students had closed down all entry points of the campus and besieged the pro-VC

office.

The authorities Saturday night formed a four-member investigation committee, headed by mechanical engineering professor Md Abdur Rashid Sarker.

The authorities, by special power of VC, had also expelled the three BCL activists for six months in an emergency meeting held at 11:30am on Sunday.

They also assured the students of bearing all expenses of treatment of Tawsif.

The university board c residence and disciplinary committee is supposed to hold a meeting over the matter at 3:00pm.

BCL central committee president Badiuzzaman Sohag told New Age that BCL had no connection with the incident.

'Senior students beat up the juniors on the rag day, and so one of aggrieved students revenged his torture at the hands of the senior,' he added.