

SHIBIR ATTACK  
**Shahjalal  
 student  
 may lose  
 right leg**

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"He is going to be partially paralysed," said a distressed Asad Uddin Mahmud, assistant registrar at Orthopaedics division of MAG Osmani Hospital.

The patient he was talking about is Badrul Alam, a third year student of Shahjalal University of Science and Technology and another victim of brutality committed by Islami Chhatra Shibir.

"There were some deep cuts on his body -- five on his right leg, one on the left leg, two on his right hand, and some on his

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**Shahjalal**

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 neck and back.

"But the worst news is that the common perennial nerve of the right leg was severed," said Asad, who performed a surgery on Badrul on January 17.

The 23-year-old will never get back full strength in his right leg, the doctor said.

On January 16, Badrul, a Chhatra League activist, came under attack by Shibir men as he along with an acquaintance named Jakir, a first year student of Sylhet Leading University, went to Jangail in Sylhet to meet another friend.

A gang of 10 to 12 Shibir cadres chopped him indiscriminately with Chinese axes. Jakir, however, managed to escape and took shelter in a nearby house.

Half an hour later police came to the spot but the perpetrators had fled already, sources said.

Lying on a hospital bed and choking back tears on Friday, Badrul appealed to Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to bring the culprits to justice. "We engage in politics inspired by Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. Is that our sin for which I am to spend the rest of my life paralysed?"

His mother Dilara Begum is now uncertain about the future of the family.

His elder brother Nurul Amin, a tailor, is the breadwinner of the family, and father Saidur Rahman has been partially paralysed since suffering stroke a year ago and is incapable of doing any work.

Dilara wants the government to bear the expenses of her son's treatment.

SUST Vice-Chancellor Saleh Uddin, contacted by The Daily Star, said, "We, the university authority, are bearing his medical expenses as much as possible but we have financial limitations. However, it is very painful to think that Badrul will never fully recover."

After Badrul filed a case on January 17 with Jalalabad Police Station, police arrested an accused named Abul Kasem, said Sub-Inspector Saniit Das.