

IU campus tense as BCL, Shibir clash

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CHHATRA League and Islamic Chhatra Shibir activists clashed in Islamic University in Kushtia later Monday night and early Tuesday, creating panic among students and admission seekers.

A Chhatra League activist was injured and at least three rooms were vandalised during the clash.

A group of Chhatra League activists, led by former business faculty unit Chhatra League president Mehedi Hassan, ragged admission seekers at the university gate about 6:30pm on Monday, witnesses said.

Two Shibir activists, Arif and Sohel, then picked up a quarrel with Mehedi. Mehedi with his fellows then beat up the Shibir activists.

Leaders of both the Chhatra League and Chhatra Shibir rushed in to

control the situation.

Later into night, a group of Shibir activists went to Mehedi's room at the Bangabandhu Hall and asked him to put up a few admission seekers in his room. As he refused to do so, Shibir activists beat up Mehedi and vandalised the room. Mehedi managed to get away. He was treated in the university medical centre and was then admitted to Kushtia General Hospital.

The hall unit Chhatra League activists then shouted slogans against Chhatra Shibir, gathered in a place with lethal weapons and then vandalised three rooms of the hall where Shibir activists stayed.

The Shibir activists again gathered in the hall with lethal weapons and shouted slogans. General students and admission seekers became panicked.

About 50 policemen, led by the assistant proctor Altaf Hossain visited the hall about 12:30am and controlled the situation. The proctor, Jahangir Hossain, students adviser Mahbubar Rahman and the hall provost, Mizanur Rahman, later visited the hall. They also visited the injured Mehedi in the university medical centre and sent him to the general hospital.

The provost on Tuesday filed a case against 12 unnamed people in connection with the assault on the Chhatra League leader, the Islamic University police officer-in-charge, Atiar Rahman, said.

The proctor said that more law enforcers had been deployed on the campus to head off any trouble during the admission test. 'We have already filed a case.'