

Chhatra League beats new BM College principal

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THE newly appointed principal of Government Brojomohun College in Barisal was reportedly assaulted on Tuesday by the men of a Bangladesh Chhatra League faction that is against the transfer of his predecessor Nani Gopal Das.

Witnesses said some 20 men of Chhatra League beat

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Chhatra League activists attack the newly-appointed principal Shankar Chandra Dutta of the Government BM College in Barisal.
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up and chased Shankar Chandra Datta when he was coming to attend the first day at his new office on the campus at about midday.

Shankar was coming to the campus on a rickshaw when the Chhatra League men marched towards him.

The principal seeing them got down from the rickshaw around a hundred yards off the college gate to be caught by them.

They beat him up, prompting him to run and

take shelter at a nearby petrol pump.

Later on other students of the college helped him leave the spot.

Jubayer, Sohag, Shovon and Abir, all associates of college unit joint convener Moyeen Ullah, led the attack, witnesses said.

Shankar told reporters that he informed the higher authorities about the situation including his assault and not being able to enter the campus.

With Shankar Chandra

Datta being unable to take office on Tuesday, the deadlock continues as the Chhatra League faction has forced the college to remain shut for last two weeks, protesting at Nani Gopal Das being relieved of his principal's charge.

Nazrul Islam, acting principal of the college, said they also heard about the new principal's assault but could do nothing because Chhatra League men equipped with lethal weapons held the campus captive, preventing students, teachers and other

staff from entering the campus since January 29.

Meanwhile, Maksudul Alam Masud, another joint convener of the college unit Chhatra League, on the day reiterated his allegations that Nani Gopal was behind the shutdown as he wanted to prevent investigation of corruption allegations against him.

Nani Gopal Das denied the allegations and said he handed over his charges to the acting principal, Nazrul Islam, on February 3.