

## BCL men attack police station

*Reason trivial altercation*

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Two lawmen including a sub-inspector of the capital's New Market Police Station were injured yesterday in an attack by around 100 activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League's Sir AF Rahman Hall unit.

The attack was carried out around 2:45pm after an altercation broke out between a BCL activist and a police official at a restaurant in Nilkhet Book Market.

Sources said Mukit Hasan of Dhaka University's AF Rahman Hall and SI Saifullah were having lunch at the restaurant sitting next to each other. The walkie-talkie of Saifullah was turned on at that time.

Getting annoyed, Mukit, also a student of English department, asked the SI to turn off his walkie-talkie, but Saifullah refused, saying that the device was meant for internal communication.

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At one stage, Mukit asked the SI to wait outside the restaurant after having his meal, a waiter told The Daily Star.

He then called three other BCL activists -- Nowshad of political science department, Bipul of English department and Shohag of Bangla department -- over the phone and asked them to show up.

As soon as the SI came out of the restaurant, an altercation took place between him and the BCL activists. On information, some on-duty police officials rushed to the spot and took the four to the police station.

As the news spread, around a hundred activists of the hall unit rushed to the police station and pelted the law enforcers with brick chips. The unruly students also smashed window panes of the police station and damaged a motorbike there.

SI Saifullah and Sobuj, an Ansar member, sustained injuries in the incident, said Yasir Arafat, acting OC of the New Market police.

They were rushed to Rajarbagh Police Lines Hospital, he said, adding that they were preparing to take legal steps against the persons responsible for the attack.

Contacted, DU Acting Proctor Amzad Ali, said, "We are working to identify the students who were involved in the attack."