

ATTACK ON RU STUDENTS

# Arrest six gun-toting BCL men

*Demand pro-BNP-Jamaat teachers; two others seek identification of instigators; probe starts*

RU CORRESPONDENT

Pro-BNP-Jamaat white panel teachers of Rajshahi University (RU) yesterday demanded immediate arrest of the six current and former Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists who brandished firearms during a police-backed attack on students on February 2.

Meanwhile, in a separate press briefing at RU Journalists' Association, Prof Maloy Bhowmick and Prof SM Abu-Bakar Siddique demanded identification of the "real instigators" of the attack.

Moreover, the probe body formed hours after the attack started visiting spots yesterday to collect information.

The students who came under attack were protesting fee hikes and introduction of evening master's programmes at the social science faculty.

The RU authorities, police and a RU unit BCL vice-president each filed two cases but none accused the six although several newspapers printed photos showing them brandishing firearms.

The six are BCL RU unit organising secretaries Shamsuzzaman Emon and Faisal Ahmed Runu, Joint Secretary Nasim Ahmed Setu, Environment Affairs Secretary Mustakim Billah, Deputy Press Secretary Anwarul Islam Shuvro and former joint secretary Sudipta Salam.

The white panel teachers also demanded immediate reopening of RU, closed for an indefinite period following the attack; withdrawal of the six cases they stated were filed against general students; an impartial investigation; and exemplary punishment for the perpetrators.

The white panel's Joint Convener

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Prof Enamul Haque read out the demands at a press conference in the RU teachers' club.

Although the education minister and pro-vice-chancellor (VC) on February 3 said the probe body should submit a report within 15 days, VC Prof Mizanuddin and the probe body's Convener Prof Khalekuzzaman told The Daily Star yesterday that there was no such time limit.