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BCL crosses the line

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BY stopping a masters course examination at the Islamic History and Culture department through vandalism and intimidation on Tuesday, BCL members of Rajshahi University (RU) have only demonstrated their disregard for authority.

Clearly, the ease with which they have been getting away with committing every type of offence under the sun ranging from gangland type brawls to tender and appointment business to alleged links to abductions has signaled the message that they are above law. It is hardly surprising that they have used violent means so that the RU administration may bend rules and reset the timing of the exam in question to suit their whims and caprices.

Like in the cases of Sylhet Shahjalal University, Bangladesh Agricultural University and Chittagong University among others, the RU administration also became a hostage to the acts of rowdy BCL members.

It is unfortunate that the AL has not yet taken any effective and deterrent action against the excesses being committed by BCL men, who are exploiting its name. Merely expelling them from the party or rustivating them from the university are not strong enough measures against these types of offences, which are criminal in nature.

The correction process must begin somewhere. The RU authorities should not succumb to the nefarious methods of BCL cadres, but take exemplary action against those unruly elements.