

BCL plans to lay siege to Sectt today

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Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), the students' wing of AL, decided to lay siege to the secretariat today (Thursday) demanding release of the detained BCL general secretary, Mahfudul Haider Chowdhury Roton.

'We will go for besieging the secretariat to realise our demand of releasing Roton,' said BCL acting general secretary Syed Abul Kalam Azad. We will launch a movement soon against the DU Vice-chancellor if he fails to take necessary measures to get release of

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BCL GS, he said.

Earlier, BCL activists staged a sit-in in front of Dhaka University Vice-chancellor's office for the second consecutive day on Wednesday and put pressure on the authorities regarding the immediate release of BCL GS.

They, however, withdrew their demonstration later after DU VC Prof. SMA Faiz sought assured the BCL activists that he had talks with the government high-ups about the release of Roton and the matter drew the attention of the government.

Earlier on Tuesday night, DU VC met with education adviser Dr. Hossain Zillur Rahman about the release of Roton. The adviser had assured us of a positive outcome over Roton's release, DU VC told the BCL activists. Prof. Harun-or-Rashid, Dean of social science faculty who attended the meeting with the adviser along with VC said the adviser had assured a "positive result" in the matter.

On the night, Afsar Uddin Haider Chowdhury, father of Roton met the VC and requested him for the release of his son.

On Tuesday, the BCL activists confined the DU VC for three hours inside his office. They ransacked several teachers' vehicles parked outside of the administrative building, and locked the main gates with the vice chancellor and other university officials held inside. Later, they called for a strike at Dhaka University campus to press home their demand.

Meanwhile, 'human rights conscious students', a platform of BCL said, they would continue their protest until step was taken about Roton's release.

Roton was freed from Mymensingh jail at about 10:30am on Tuesday and was kept at the visiting room of the jail. Later, police re-arrested him from the visiting room at around 2:30pm. Roton was arrested by joint force from Carzon Hall area on the campus for violating the emergency power rules (EPR) on Janu-