

235 sued for CU BCL infighting *BCL claims police involved in looting*

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CHITTAGONG police on Tuesday lodged three cases with Hathazari Police Station against a total of 235 leaders and activists of ruling party-backed student organisation Bangladesh Chhatra League of Chittagong University unit over Monday's clash that left 30 injured.

The university authorities also formed a three-member probe committee to investigate the incident headed by assistant proctor Helal Uddin Ahammad. Two other members on the probe committee are assistant proctor Shahidul Islam and Mizanur Rahman, confirmed CU registrar Prof Mohammad Kamrul Huda.

He said the probe committee was asked to submit a report within 15 days.

Assistant sub-inspector Helal Uddin of Hathazari Police Station said naming 55 leaders and activists of CU unit BCL and unidentified

fied 120 others, sub-inspector Monjur Ahmed filed a case with Hathazari Police Station for attacking law enforcers.

One case was filed for attacking police and two others for possessing illegal arms at Shahjalal Hall and Shah Amanat hall, said officer-in-charge (investigation) Md Salauddin Chowdhury of Hathazari Police Station.

The two other cases were filed naming 10 leaders and activists of CU unit BCL and unidentified 50 others for keeping illegal fire arms at Shahjalal Hall and Shah Amanat Hall, filed by sub-inspector Swapan Kumar Sarker and sub-inspector Habibur Rahman.

Among the accused, Abu Torab Porosh, former assistant press and publication of CU unit BCL, was arrested on Monday evening, said ASI Helal.

On Monday, a clash ensued between two groups of CU unit BCL activists - one led by CU unit BCL presi-

dent Mohammad Alamgir Tipu and another led by general secretary HM Farzly Rabbi Sujan - after an altercation over exchanging greetings with the students who went there to sit for the admission test.

Meanwhile, the university's BCL unit has alleged that police personnel, who were deployed on campus while conducting a raid in two male dormitories on Monday, were involved in looting, vandalism and charging batons on general students, admission seekers

and their guardians. CU unit BCL president Mohammad Alamgir Tipu made the allegation while reading out a written statement at a press conference held at a community centre in the city in the evening.

He also claimed at goods worth around Tk10 lakh was also damaged or looted during the raid at Shahjalal and Shah Amanat Hall of the university.

At the same time, BCL leaders also alleged that some 200 BCL activists along with general students,

admission seekers and their guardians were injured when police charged batons on them indiscriminately following orders from the university's vice-chancellor.

They also issued an ultimatum till November 10, to probe the incident and demanded the injured or face tough movement in the campus.

Hathazari circle ASP Moshi-ud-Dowllah told the New Age, 'The allegations are false and baseless. CU authorities were present during the raid.'