

RU BCL men beat up general student

His fault was being too slow to go to a human chain

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A student of management was beaten up by Bangladesh Chhatra League activists at Rajshahi University yesterday because he did not walk fast enough during a BCL procession on the campus, which the victim was allegedly forced to join.

Nuruzzaman, a resident of Madar Bux Hall, was given primary treatment at the university medical centre for bruises and cuts in the forehead and face.

Witnesses said six to seven BCL men led by Ershadur Rahman alias Rifat, Aráfat Hossain, Rayhan Ali and Rafi beat him up with scrap wood in room 223 where he resides.

The pro-Awami League student body held a human chain, demanding resumption of classes and examinations in full swing following the winter vacation.

Nuruzzaman said he was forced to join the human chain.

The victim said that when they were walking to the venue, around 11:00am, he was warned by BCL activist Rifat because he was walking slowly. He added that he could not keep pace with others as he was having flu and did not have his breakfast.

The BCL men attacked him in the afternoon, around 3:45pm.

A resident student, who witnessed Nuruzzaman being clobbered, said, "I heard his screams and saw the incident through the window. The door was shut."

After a few minutes of beating, the BCL men left, he told The Daily Star.

RU BCL acting general secretary Khalid Hasan Biplob admitted that some BCL activists attacked Nuruzzaman, and said they would take action against the attackers after investigation.

Rifat, however, denied the allegation of attacking anyone. He said he was not aware of such an incident.

Sources at the Madar Bux Hall administration said all the four BCL activists were residing in the dormitory illegally, without getting allotment of rooms.

Madar Bux Hall Provost Prof M Sherezzaman said he heard about the attack and knew that the accused BCL men were living in the dormitory illegally.

He said the university authorities would take action if the victim filed a written complaint.

No case was filed.