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At least 40 leaders and activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) including its President Liakot Sikder and General Secretary Nazrul Islam Babu were injured when police charged baton on them at High Court crossing in the city on Tuesday.

BCL called a general strike in all educational institutions throughout the country on tomorrow (Thursday) and agitation programme on Tuesday protesting the police attack on them.

Seriously injured Shilpi, Suchan, Shefali, Shimul and Shohag were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital (DMCH). Later they were shifted to different clinics to avoid police harassment.

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BCL activists when they were trying to break the barricade, put up by the police on their way to Dhaka Electric Supply Authority (DESA) Bhaban at high court crossing at 1pm on the day.

BCL brought out the procession to press home their demand of maintaining normal supply of water, electricity and gas in the city.

Earlier, they staged a rally at Capital Shaheed Minar. Presided over by BCL President Liakot Sikder the rally was addressed by Awami League leader Mukul Bosh, Mahmudur Rahman Manna, BCL General Secretary Nazrul Islam Babu, Dhaka University unit BCL President Delwar Hossain, General secretary Hemaet

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Following the rally BCL brought out a procession. Police put up a barricade in front High Court and intercepted the procession when it was marching to the DESA Bhaban at high court crossing. Being intercepted by the police the BCL leaders and activists tried to break the barricade. At one stage police charged baton on the BCL leaders and activists.

Police beat Liakot Sikder, BCL Vice-President Marufa Akhter Popy, Rafiqul Islam, DU unit president Delwar Hissain, Assistant Secretary Imdad Howlader and other leaders and activists of BCL at the stage and chased them.

Being chased by the police the BCL held a protest rally in front its office at Bangabandhu Avenue. BCL leader Boloram Poddar, Beg Shahin Jahan, Khalilur Rahman addressed at the rally.

Later, BCL held a press conference at Dhaka Reporters Unity auditorium where they announced the strike and agitation programme protesting the police attack.

Leader of the opposition in parliament and Awami League President Sheikh Hasina condemned the police action on the BCL leaders and activists.