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We did it

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Some top BCL leaders when contacted denied this, but the activists and cadres confirmed that the 'operation' was done as per plan of their bosses. "Contradiction by top leaders is just a party strategy", one activist said.

At least 50 people including four journalists and four policemen were injured as the activists blasted crackers, fired shots and ransacked the podium making the participants flee the convention venue.

Kader Siddique Bir Uttam, expelled from Awami League for his tirade against the party chief, called the convention on the premises of the Engineers Institution to launch a new party, Krishak Sramik Janata League.

DU authorities, when asked about alleged involvement of students in foiling Siddique's convention, said they did not receive any complaint in this regard.

Proctor Prof AKM Nurun Nabi rather asked why police did not take any action if students were found involved in violence.

Such activities by students definitely ruin the image of the university. The authorities can take action only if complaint is received from any quarter or the victims, he said.

We did it but were not given the credit'

By DU Correspondent

Many of the armed cadres of ruling Awami League's student wing at Dhaka University who vandalised Kader Siddique's convention in the city on Friday feel sorry that their act of heroism was ignored by the media.

They regretted that their names and photographs were not published in newspapers. Yesterday, they were seen boastfully discussing their 'operation' which was planned by their senior leaders on Thursday night at the Madhu's canteen.

Some central leaders of BCL also attended the emergency meeting, they said while talking to a group of DU correspondents of national dailies.

BCL activists Shafiq Shimul and Arif of Mohsin Hall, Hemayet Monir and Rizvi of Zia Hall, Himu of Shahidullah Hall and Polash of Bangabandhu Hall led the 'operation' in three phases.

Sajjad Hossain, DU unit president of BCL supervised the operation done by about 50 cadres. Only 15 of them were carrying firearms, they said.

The cadres were divided into two groups and instructions were given accordingly, they said.

One group was asked to sit inside the convention venue in the guise of participants and the other was posted at the adjoining Suhrawardy Uddyan park, they added.

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