

When Rafiqul Islam, a college lecturer of Kaliganj upazila in Jhenaidah district, received a call from his son Ahsan Rafiq at 2:00 am on February 6, 2016, he felt a pang of anxiety. Ahsan studied at the Department of Disaster Science and Management at the University of Dhaka and used to live in the veranda of Salimullah Muslim (SM) Hall, as he did not have an assigned room.

"He called me and said that he was facing some problems at his hall. One of his batch mates, assistant secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL)'s Salimullah Hall unit Omar Faruk, borrowed his

he kept silent and went to the reading room to study. But he could guess that they [BCL activists under Omar] had planned to attack him," says Rafiqul.

"He was very nervous and wanted my advice on what he should do. I too felt very anxious, since I live here in my village, far away from Dhaka. Unable to do anything, I suggested that he talk to the senior brothers of his hall about the matter," he adds.

The attack took place immediately after Ahsan's conversation with his father. The first boy of his department, Ahsan was studying for an exam in the reading room of his dormitory. Suddenly, one of his seniors named Arif, who is also a vice-president of the BCL Salimullah Hall unit, called him to the TV room of their dormitory saying that Tahsan Ahmed Rasel, the BCL president of the hall, was asking for him.

# ANOTHER BCL CASUALTY

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Unfortunately, within a few minutes, Ahsan's fears came true. The Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) men beat him up mercilessly, injuring his eye and head for a reason as trivial as a person asking that his calculator be returned. According to Rafiqul, Ahsan cannot currently see with his right eye as his cornea is severely damaged. Also, he has been facing difficulty eating as well as sleeping.

"We have consulted several eye specialists at BIRDEM and National Eye Hospital, but there was no significant improvement. We are preparing to take him to Shankar Netralaya in Chennai, India. We have already applied for passports and will hopefully get them within a few days. After that we have to apply for visas," says Ahsan's father.

"My son is going through a very traumatic situation and is suffering psychologically. He cries all day long. We have consulted a psychiatrist who advised him to stay with his mother so that he can recover from the trauma," he adds.

“My father lost his sight because of wrong treatment and he can't see today. I don't want my son to suffer the

"When I went there, the hall unit Vice President Tanim, Joint General Secretary Anim Irtija Shovon and Abu Taher kept pressurising me to admit that I'm a Shibir activist. As I was not involved in such activities, I refused to admit it. I told them to call my parents, teachers or villagers to learn more about me. They even seized my phone, checked my Facebook and personal

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Ahsan Rafiq

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calculator a few months ago and was not returning it. Ahsan asked for it several times to no avail. On that day Omar misbehaved with him and threatened him with dire consequences. Since my son's exams were going on,

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