

## CU engineer assaulted by BCL leader

Univ staffers sever utilities lines on campus

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A Chhatri League leader assaulted the chief engineer and harassed the security officer of Chittagong University yesterday.

Protesting the incident, the engineering department cut off the water, gas, and electricity lines campus wide for several hours and staged a protest in front of the administration building, demanding the immediate arrest of the BCL leader.

They accuse Raju Munsi, CU BCL's joint general secretary and a follower of CU BCL's General Secretary Iqbal Hossain Tipu, of leading the attack.

Raju is a former student of the accounting department. Though he is no longer a student, he lives in BCL-dominated Shah Jalal dormitory.

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A few minutes later, security officer Sheikh Abdur Razzak was harassed by Raju, they alleged.

Following the incident, the employees of the engineering department gathered in front of CU VC's office and demanded immediate arrest of the attackers.

Chief Engineer (acting) Sayed Jahangir Fazal told the university correspondent that he went to Kata Pahar Road on official duty.

Suddenly, BCL leader Raju Munsi appeared and started scolding him. At one point, the BCL men started punching him, he said.

Campus sources said Raju Munsi stopped the construction work of the second Fine Art Faculty building on campus demanding toll.

In the evening, the demonstrating staffers withdrew their programme and restored the utility connections following assurances of justice from the university administration.

Proctor Nurul Azim Shikhdar said the incident would be investigated and a case would be lodged in this connection.

Contacted, CU BCL unit general secretary Tipu told The Daily Star, "I'm not sure what happened. We heard the allegations. We will look into the matter."

## 104 Nobel laureates, 79 global figures

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has made laudable progress since its independence in 1971," reads the letter.

"However, we are deeply concerned by the threats to democracy and human rights that we have observed in Bangladesh recently... One of the threats to human rights that concerns us in the present context is the case of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Prof Muhammad Yunus. We are alarmed that he has recently been targeted by what we believe to be continuous judicial harassment," it says.

"We respectfully ask that you immediately suspend the current judicial proceedings against Prof Yunus, followed by a review of the charges by a panel of impartial judges drawn from within your nation with some role for internationally recognised legal experts. We are confident that any thorough review of the anti-corruption and labour law cases against him will result in his acquittal."

Eighth Secretary-General of the United Nations Ban Ki-moon, former US Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, Virgin Group Founder Sir Richard Branson, and former presidents, prime ministers and ministers and business leaders are among the signatories.

The letter, published on the website of US based Cision PR Newswire, attempts to build upon an earlier appeal to PM Hasina by 40 global leaders in March.

The new letter reads, "As you know, Prof Yunus' work, which has been inspirational to all of us, focuses on how social business can be a force for international progress resulting in zero poverty, zero unemployment, and zero net carbon emissions. He is a leading example of how Bangladesh and Bangladeshis have contributed to global progress in recent decades. We sincerely wish that he be able to continue his path-breaking work free of persecution or



Rescuers work at the site of vegetable oil factory destroyed by Russian missile strike, amid Russia's attack on Ukraine, in Poltava region, Ukraine yesterday.

PHOTO: REUTERS

## Ukraine recaptures key village in south

Eyes breakthrough in grinding offensive against Russian positions; 4 killed in Russian attacks in Ukraine

AFP, Kyiv

Ukraine announced yesterday it had recaptured a village on the southern frontline, where its forces are hoping for a breakthrough in their grinding offensive against entrenched Russian positions.

Kyiv launched its pushback in June after stockpiling Western-supplied weapons, building up assault battalions and attacking Russian positions.

But officials in Kyiv have acknowledged that progress has been slow and Moscow says Ukrainian forces are running out of resources.

"Robotyne has been liberated. Our forces are advancing southeast of Robotyne and south of Mala Tokmachka," Deputy Defence Minister Ganna Malyar said on television.

Both settlements are in the southern region of Zaporizhzhia, one of four that the Kremlin claimed to have annexed last year despite not having military control over any of them.

Ukraine's limited advances on the southern front have spurred a political debate in Western capitals over political and military support for Kyiv.

Compared to previous offensives in the Kherson and Kharkiv regions, Ukrainian forces are crashing into Russian defensive lines of trenches and minefields that are kilometres deep.

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