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BCL activists at JU beat up agitating students

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A section of activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) at Jahangirnagar University led by their expelled leader attacked the activists of General Students' Unity (GSU) on the campus yesterday.

The activists led by their expelled general secretary Jasimuddin Manik beat up at least five GSU activists at Kamaluddin Hall and Bhasani Hall and threatened students of dire consequences if they did not leave the campus immediately.

Manik had earlier been expelled from the university and also from BCL for assaulting a teacher on the campus on August 23.

The assaulted students submitted a memorandum to Vice Chancellor, Prof Alauddin Ahmed demanding immediate action against the 'terrorists'.

They also demonstrated on the campus and threatened to go on a fast unto death if "the terrorists responsible for the attacks are not immediately arrested".

Armed BCL men led by Manik are also pressuring the authorities to close the university in a bid to "contain" the ongoing agitation, sources said. They also warned JU correspondents of different national dailies not to report the incidents. Tension mounted as armed outsiders were seen roaming around the campus.

A meeting of the provosts, the proctor and assistant proctors of the university yesterday reviewed the situation and di-

rected the provosts and house tutors to stay in the halls to prevent any untoward incident. The VC told students that he would "take responsibility if any further acts of terrorism on the campus." The Disciplinary Committee of the JU meets today to review the campus situation.

Earlier, the students who started a fast unto death from Thursday night suspended their programme at around 4 am yesterday when Proctor-In-Charge Mozammel Haq assured them of taking action against the rapists within 10 days.

Visiting the fasting students at around 1 am yesterday, the VC admitted the incidents of rape but said the authorities were "facing difficulties in taking action against the culprits due to legal problems."

Students laid a siege to VC's residence till filing of this report at around 11 last night when a meeting of the university administration was going on.