

Two DU, JnU students held for 'mugging'

CCTV footage led to detention

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Police last night detained two students of Dhaka University and Jagannath University from DU campus for allegedly mugging a youth by threatening to rape his female friend around a fortnight back.

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The detainees -- DU student Razib Baroi and JnU student Amit Kumar Das -- identified themselves as activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League, said police.

Both had been staying at Jagannath Hall of DU.

"We are examining the political and academic identities of the two," said Abu Bakar Siddique, officer-in-charge of Shahbagh Police Station.

As of filing this report at 2:30am today, a case was yet to be filed.

Rajib is a vice-president of Jagannath Hall unit BCL, according to hall sources. Sajib Biswas, general secretary of Jagannath Hall BCL, however, said Rajib is only an activist.

Police said private firm employee Ansar Ali and his female friend went for a stroll at Suhrawardy Udyan near

the TSC on the evening of August 16.

As they were coming out of the park, a gang of around five stopped them at the TSC gate of the park and took away Ali's debit card and the girl's necklace and earrings.

Meanwhile, some more youths joined in and threatened Ali that they would rape the girl unless he provided them with the debit card's PIN.

As Ali complied, one group held back the duo and another went to the Dutch Bangla Bank's ATM booth at the TSC. They withdrew Tk 50,000 from his account.

The CCTV footage from the ATM booth confirmed Amit's identity, the OC told The Daily Star, adding that police were conducting raids at different places to nab the others on the basis of information gleaned from Amit and Rajib.