

## Sexual harassment

# JU teacher beaten by students

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A group of students of Jahangirnagar University (JU) on Tuesday assaulted the head of the Department of Drama and Dramatics Saqwar Hossain Sunny who was cleared of charges in a controversial sexual harassment

case last month.

JU students had declared Saqwar Hossain 'persona non grata' on the campus despite a JU syndicate meeting on Sept 14 cleared him of the case brought against

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him by four female students due to lack of evidence.

A group of male and female students of the department barred the teacher from entering his office when he reached on campus around 11.30 am on the day.

He tried to take refuge in the teacher's lounge, but the angry students dragged him out and beat him. JU proctor along with other teachers and students rushed to the spot immediately and rescued him from the agitating students. Sunny was admitted to the university medical center and later sent to the residence.

However, at least 10 students of Drama department and newsmen were injured as the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) appeared on the spot, allegedly backed by teachers and clashed with the drama students. The BCL and JCD activists also vandalised a number of rooms of the department. A tense situation has been prevailing now on the campus since the incident occurred.

The allegation of sexual harassment against the teacher made on May 3 last when four female students of the department submitted a written statement accusing the teacher.