

## JU suspends BCL leader for assaulting teacher

*Case filed, show cause notice issued*

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The Jahangirnagar University (JU) authorities yesterday suspended a Bangladesh Chhatra League leader, filed a case against him and decided to issue a show cause notice on him for explanation in 48 hours why he should not be expelled for assaulting his department's chairman on Thursday.

A JU disciplinary body meeting chaired by acting vice-chancellor Prof MA Matin on Thursday night found JU unit BCL Publication Secretary Md Mamun Khan guilty of punching

and shoving Associate Prof Golam Moinuddin of urban and regional planning.

It also found him guilty of hurling abuses and issuing death threats to two teachers who had come to the chairman's assistance at the social science building.

JU unit BCL President Mahmudur Rahman said steps would be taken as per recommendations of the BCL central committee.

Mamun, through a press release yesterday, alleged that he had retaliated after being assaulted by the chairman.

## School children forced to join

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and crests.

Apart from that, the local units of AL and its associate bodies erected at least 50 gates on roads of Charghat and Bagha upazilas to greet the state minister.

According to the students, they were called to school at 11:00am yesterday although it was the weekend. Around 2:00pm their teachers lined them up from the school gate to the function stage and kept them there until 4:30pm.

The students were not given any food or anything to compensate when they were allowed to go home around 5:00pm, said students and witnesses.

Abu Saleh Musa, a student of class-X of Bagha High School, said he only had some biscuits between breakfast and until he had returned home.

"We followed the teachers' instructions. It is fun standing together with friends to greet the minister," he said.

Some school teachers said they took the students there to gain the minister's favour for the development of their schools.

Nishipada Sarker, headmaster of Rahmatullah Girls' High School, told The Daily Star that they had not arranged food for the students as they were asked to bring their own food.

"The reception was actually to benefit the schools. He [the minister] had done a lot in the past and we expect his support in the future," he said.

Meanwhile, State Minister Shahriar in his speech at the function apologised to the students for lining them up. He requested all not to do so again, including giving him gold items in present.

He declared to donate money worth the gold items given to him to a local organisation for the physically and mentally challenged. He also urged journalists not to present the news of giving him gold items negatively.