

## Thugs on prowl at JU amid vacation

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AS THE majority of the residential students have left Jahangirnagar University campus on the occasion of Ramadan and 'eid-ul-fitr, the empty campus is now a safe haven for different types of crimes.

At least five incidents of mugging and two of extortion took place in the last two weeks.

Teachers and students have alleged that the inaction of the police and university security is the main reason behind such incidents.

They have also alleged that most of the crimes were committed by local miscreants who are linked with leaders of the JU unit

of the Bangladesh Chhatra League, Awami League-backed student organisation.

On June 22, some undefined miscreants snatched two mobile phones and Tk 5000 from two JU students in front of Mir Mosharaff Hossain Hall gate at about 8:00pm.

Earlier, On June 10, some miscreants snatched money from a pregnant woman while she was returning her house in Armbagan area through the campus.

Protesting at the incidences, 'Sikkhak Sikkharthi Oikay Mancha, a joint platform of JU teachers and students, held a press conference at arts and humanities lounge on June 25.

At the press conference, they demanded adequate security in the campus area during the vacation.

Meanwhile, leaders of leftist students' organisations have alleged that sexual harassment, eve-teasing and other 'unsocial' incidents have been increased on the campus.

They have suggested that the whole campus should be brought under CCTV surveillance.

JU proctor Professor Tapan Kumar Saha has said that they will take proper steps to ensure security in the campus area.

JU registrar Abu Bakr Siddique has said that the illegal roads and some pocket gate will be closed to avoid the untoward situation.