

Rivals beat up 2 JCD activists at JU

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Two JCD activists were severely beaten up by rivals in an intra-faction squabbling on the Jahangirnagar University campus yesterday.

Both the victims and the offenders belong to the "non-local" faction of the JCD unit of the JU. Party sources said some activists of the "local group" joined the offenders.

Yesterday's incident heightened the tension in the university's JCD unit, already battered by intra-party fighting.

The injured activists were identified as Choudhury Niaz Mahmud, an MA student of history and a joint-secretary of JCD's university committee and Arman, a philosophy second year student and a member of the university committee.

Both the "non-local" group activists left the campus after the incident.

Later, JCD brought out a procession. It also held a rally in front of the Vice-chancellor's office after the procession. The JCD leaders demanded punishment to the culprits who are learnt to be involved in terrorist activities.

Talking to The Daily Star immediately after the incident, acting president of JCD JU unit Elim Nazmul Hossain said, "General JCD activists beat them up for their alleged involvement in collecting tolls,

threatening students and taking drugs".

He declared both of the injured JCD activists *persona non grata*, along with Forhad Mohammad Faisal, JCD senior vice-president, for their reported involvement in terrorist activities.

Meanwhile, rest of the activists of the "non-local" group who did not join the "locals" said that some of their activists in cooperation with the "locals" are trying to tarnish the image of the JCD on the campus by beating up its own activists.

Earlier, a number of activists of "non-local" group distributed a press release among the journalists on Sunday declaring the three JCD activists — Faisal, Niaz and Arman — *persona non grata*. Some activists belonging to the "non-local" group, preferring anonymity said that some fellow activists joined the "local" group to get themselves in better position in the committee, which is likely to be declared soon.