

# JnU suspends BCL activist for sexual harassment

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JAGANNATH University authorities on Tuesday temporarily suspended a student of Social Science department, also an activist of JnU unit of Bangladesh Chhatra League, on allegation of sexual harassment to female students and attacking them on the university campus on the same day.

JnU registrar Md Ohi-duzzaman told New Age that the authorities temporarily suspended Shafiqul Goni Swapon alias Somrat, a 10th batch (3rd semester) student of Social Science department, following a written complaint of Fine Arts department students.

The authorities handed over the complaint letter to the anti-sexual harassment cell of the university for investigation and the authorities would take final action after getting the probe report, the registrar said.

Witnesses said some BCL activists led by Somrat sexually harassed female students of Fine Arts department around 12:00pm on Tuesday, while they were appearing at their fourth-semester practical examination at the university's botanical garden on the campus.

They said Somrat and his followers swooped on the students when they protested at the sexual harassment.

They also said at least 10 students were assaulted in the attack.

Students of Fine Arts department staged demonstration on the campus, protesting at the sexual harassment and attack of the BCL activists.

They also gave a written complaint to the university authorities demanding stern punishment of the attackers.

However, Somrat said he did not harass any female student but he had an altercation with some male students of Fine Arts department.

JnU unit BCL general secretary SM Sirajul Islam told New Age that he did not know that Somrat had any relation with BCL.