

Two SUST JCD leaders dismissed from posts after student assault allegation

Hall resident allegedly beaten after raising concerns over poor-quality food

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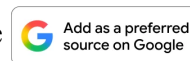


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Two leaders of the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) at Shahjalal University of Science and Technology (SUST) have been dismissed from their organisational posts for allegedly assaulting a hall resident who complained about the quality of food served at the dormitory canteen.

The dismissed leaders are Hasibur Rahman, communications secretary of the SUST JCD unit and a political studies student of the 2021-22 session, and Tarek Rahman, assistant office secretary of the unit and a statistics student of the same session.

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The central JCD announced the decision today, saying the two had violated organisational discipline.

The injured student, Khairul Khandaker, a 2023-24 session student of the sociology department and a resident of Shahporan Hall, received treatment at a private hospital in Sylhet after the alleged assault, SUST Proctor Prof Mokhlesur Rahman said.

Khairul alleged he had repeatedly posted in an online group about poor-quality food, including rotten fish, served at the hall canteen. He claimed Hasibur and Tarek confronted him near the university's main gate last night, kicked him in the chest and assaulted him before other students intervened.

The incident sparked a student protest in front of the university's administrative building later last night, with demonstrators demanding justice.

Prof Mokhlesur said the vice-chancellor had formed a three-member probe committee, headed by Social Sciences Dean Prof Jashim Uddin, and asked it to submit its report within three days.