

Bomb explosions rock DU

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Dhaka University campus was rocked with repeated bomb explosions and gunshots by the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) activists in the hartal hours on Sunday.

Police lobbed at least 12 tear-gas shells inside the Bangabandhu Hall as some JCD activists hurled stones towards the passers-by at Aziz Super Market near Shahbagh from the rooftop of the hall.

The Chhatra Dal activists exploded over hundred crackers and fired several gunshots on the campus throughout the day.

Police recovered one live bomb from the Central Mosque area of the university at about 11.30 am.

Administrative activities of the university remain closed while the classes and examinations were not held due to hartal.

Pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal activists brought out processions in and around the university campus and held a rally in front of the Modhu's Canteen in support of hartal.

Earlier, a JCD procession which came out from the university campus was intercepted by police at Shahbagh and later at Kataban. The processions then returned to the campus and held the rally.

Addressing the rally the JCD leaders thanked city people for making the hartal a success.

They said, we have called the hartal to protest what they said, the so-called peace treaty which is contrary to our independence and sovereignty. "We had no alternative to hartal", they added.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Habib-un-Nabi Sohel, ABM Mosharraf Hossain, Monwar Hossain Rana, Shahabudin Laltu and Selimuzzaman Selim.