

Police-JCD clash in DU: 5 hurt

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The activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) got locked in a clash with police on the Dhaka University campus during the hartal hours on Sunday leaving at least 5 persons injured.

Of the injured, JCD Central Committee member Mostafa Khan and activist Bipu were admitted to Dhaka Medical College Hospital with face and leg injuries.

During the two hour-long clash police picked up four demonstrators—Abdul Wadud, Reza, Sabuj and Sayem from the campus.

Witness said, the clash ensued when police tried to intercept a JCD procession in front of the University Central Mosque at about 10 a.m. As police intercepted the processionists, they began exploding crackers. Police resorted to baton-charge and lobbed several tear gas shells to disperse them.

Police also lobbed tear gas shells around Bangabandhu Hall, Jasimuddin Hall and Ziaur Rahman Hall of the university to bring the situation under control.

About 75 crackers were exploded, five gunshots were fired and 15 tear gas shells were lobbed during the clash.

Earlier, at about 11.30 a.m, police raided the Bangabandhu and Kabi Jasimuddin Halls, but could not recover any arms or ammunition. Additional police and BDR personnel were deployed on the campus to avert further troubles.

JCD rally

Later on, at a rally on the campus, JCD protested the police action and threatened to enforce an indefinite hartal in the educational institutions of the country if their arrested leaders were not released immediately.

The rally held at the foot of Aparajeyo Bangla, was addressed among

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others, by JCD President Shahiduddin Chowdhury Ani, General Secretary Habib-Un-Nabi Sohel and other leaders—Monwar Hossain Rana, Nasiruddin Washim and Selimuzzaman Selim.

They demanded immediate withdrawal of those police who are responsible for Sunday's incidents and accused the government of hatching conspiracy to efface BNP and its front organisations.

JCD will also hold a protest rally on the campus tomorrow (Tuesday).

BCL rally

The Pro-Awami League Chhatra League at a rally on Sunday demanded arrest of Begum Khaleda Zia to avert further killings of people in the country.

Addressing the rally on the Dhaka University campus the BCL leaders said to avert killings of general people and Awami League and its front organisation's activists the government should arrest the BNP Chief Begum Khaleda Zia and other BNP leaders who were provoking Begum Zia for killings.

Blaming BNP for creating anarchy in the country they said any effort to create unrest in the country will be resisted.

The rally was addressed by BCL General Secretary Ishaq Ali Khan Panna, Afzalur Rahman Babu, Shahjahan Alam Saju, Bahadur Bepary and Abdul Wadud Khokan.

Earlier, they brought out a procession on the campus against the BNP called hartal.