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Hasina to open Bangabandhu Chair in DU today

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Tight Security measures have been taken in and around the Dhaka University campus for the second visit of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina to the campus today (Tuesday) when the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), will observe a general strike.

The Prime Minister will inaugurate the Bangabandhu Chair in the History Department. Classes of all the departments and institutes will remain suspended on the occasion up till 12 noon.

A total of 1300 policemen will be deployed on the campus today (Tuesday) in addition to the regular 700.

The plainclothes police already started patrolling the campus from Monday evening.

JCD leaders alleged that seven members of their organisation were picked up by the on-duty police officer in charge Rafique from the premises of DUCSU Building.

Eyewitnesses, however, said that they were instantly snatched from the police by the JCD leaders and activists, whereas Ramna thana denied any arrest from the campus.

The Teachers Students Centre (TSC) which is the venue for today's (Tuesday) programme was sealed off on Monday evening.

The entire TSC area has been painted and cleaned by removing the small tea stalls from the TSC premises.

Meanwhile Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on Monday warned the authorities concerned that should they be prevented from observing the strike they would go for indefinite strike and would paralyse the university.

This was stated by JCD leaders at a rally held on Monday at the main gate of Arts Building. The rally, presided over by Monir Hossain, was addressed by Nasiruddin Pintu, Manjur-e-Elahi, Munshi Bazlul Basit Anju and ABM Mosharraf Hossain.