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DU imposes 7-day ban on student politics

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The Dhaka University authorities have imposed a seven-day ban on the "political activities" of all student organisations on the campus with effect from Saturday morning.

All rallies and processions have been banned on the campus from August 6 to August 12.

Proctor of the University Prof Narzul Islam in a letter to all student organisations on Saturday informed the decision of the authorities. In the letter he sought cooperation from student organisations to abide by the

decision of the authorities and restore peace on the campus.

In view of the order of the university authorities, no rally and procession was held on the campus on Saturday. BNP backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) could not hold its scheduled rally and procession on the campus on Saturday.

However, no classes were held in the university on Saturday. Awami League backed Chhatra League (M-I) gave a call for strike in the university on Saturday in protest

against armed violence, assault of teachers and ransacking of teachers rooms on the campus by JCD activists on Thursday. Offices of the administrative building, library and department office rooms were closed as officers and employees did not come on the campus during the strike hours.

A large number of JCD activists assembled on the campus and they reportedly equipped with automatic weapons took position at different points to resist the entry of rival

Chhatral League (M-I) activists on the campus who were apparently confined inside their stronghold Jagannath Hall by a huge contingent of riot police in the early hours of Saturday. Riot police cordoned off the whole TSC and its adjoining Shamsunnahar and Rokeya halls area from Saturday morning to check any untoward incident.

Members of Chhatra League (M-I) went to the National Press Club in a procession and held a rally there. The rally was addressed by Chhatra League (M-I) President Moinuddin Hasan Chowdhury and General Secretary Iqbalur Rahim.

They accused the BNP government of unleashing a reign of terror in Dhaka University and said that the BNP government had adopted a path of violence to foil the one-point movement launched by the Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina. The movement for ousting the BNP government can not be stopped by using force and deploying armed miscreants, they added.

They demanded punishment to those responsible for assaulting teachers and ransacking the offices of teachers.

Meanwhile, several rounds of gun shots were heard from the direction of Mohsin, Surya Sen, Jasimuddin halls area, the stronghold of JCD on Friday night.