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Tension in DU

Tension prevailed in Dhaka University on (Friday) as two major student organisations held rallies opposing each other on the issue of inauguration of the Ekushey Book Fair by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, reports UNB.

Hasina is scheduled to open the month-long book fair at Bangla Academy today (Saturday) at 10.30 am.

Protesting the decision of Bangla Academy, Jatiyatabdhi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of main opposition BNP, brought out a procession on the DU campus, which was intercepted by police near the arts faculty building premises in the afternoon.

Addressing the processionists there, JCD leaders said that the PM had lost her moral right to enter the campus by signing the anti-constitutional CHT accord. They also accused the government of unleashing terrorism in the educational institutions.

The rally was addressed, among others, by JCD President Shaheed Uddin Chowdhury Anne, General

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Secretary Habib-un-Nabi Sohel, JCD DU unit Convenor Nasiruddin Asim and Selimuzzaman Selim.

JCD said it will stage demonstration against the Prime Minister during the inaugural ceremony of the book fair.

Bangladesh Chhatra League, the student wing of ruling Awami League, also brought out a procession welcoming the Prime Minister to inaugurate the book fair.

Addressing a rally in front of DUCSU Bhaban, BCL leaders strongly criticised the JCD, saying that it is out materialise its evil design by creating unrest in the campus.

They said BCL along with the general students will resist any conspiracy against the traditional Ekushey Book Fair.

The rally was addressed, among others, by BCL President Enamul Haque Shamim, General Secretary Ishaq Ali Panna and BCL DU unit President Bahadur Beparee.

Meanwhile, all preparations have been completed by the Bangla Academy for its month-long book fair. Huge contingents of police have been deployed in the DU campus and the academy premises to avert any untoward incident.