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Students observe strike

DHAKA, Sept 22 (UNB) : A country-wide student strike was partially observed today with most of the city's educational institutions remained open except the Dhaka University.

The strike called by the opposition-backed student organisations demanded reduction in cost of newsprint and other educational equipment.

The programme was announced simultaneously by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), Chhatra League (H-A), nine-party student combine, Chhatra League and Chhatra Union.

Nine-party Combine, Jatiya Chhatra League, Chhatra Union and Chhatra League (H-A) held rallies and brought out processions in the campus in support of the strike.

DUCSU finalising 12-point demand

DHAKA, Sept 22 (UNB): DUCSU is finalising a 12-point demand as the basis of a vigorous movement to be launched from the student convention now scheduled for October 1.

Amanullah Aman, VP of the Dhaka University Central Students' Union, told UNB the planned student movement would mainly aim at bolstering the current 1-point "national" demand for resignation of the government.

The DUCSU today despatched 850 letters inviting the leaders of elected student bodies of all colleges and universities to the forthcoming convention to be held at the Engineers' Institute.

The sponsors hoped over 4,000 elected student union office-bearers as well as other delegates would converge at the convention from across the country.

DUCSU GS Khairul Kabir Khokon said the charter of demands was being prepared so as could be acceptable to all the student organisation to ensure their participation in the greater student movement.

Apart from political demands, the charter would include demands for resolution of various problems facing the students, including eradication of violence from the campus, he said.

Sit-in, gherao, strike are likely to be included in the action programme that will be thrown from the student convention, Khokon said.