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No classes at DU on 2nd day of hartal

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Classes and academic activities of Dhaka University could not be held for the second consecutive day yesterday due to the 60-hour countrywide shutdown sponsored by the opposition alliance.

Campus sources said that administrative activities at the Registrar's Building were observed partially during the hartal hours.

The Central Library of the university also remained open but only a few student were seen there. Police were seen guarding the main entrance to the library and asking the identity of the few students who came to the library.

The campus was peaceful yesterday and the activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student front of main opposition BNP did not come back to the campus after being ousted by the activists of ruling party-backed Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) on the first day of the hartal.

BCL leaders and workers brought out a procession on the campus and held a rally in front of DUCSU building yesterday to protest the hartal.

At the rally, the BCL leaders condemned the opposition for fueling destructive activities throughout the country in the name of the "so called" anti-

government movement and "illegal" hartal.

"The opposition parties are calling hartals frequently to save the self-confessed killers of Bangabandhu," alleged BCL president Bahadur Bepari while addressing the rally.

He said that the "conscious" people of the country had already rejected the hartal as it was only aimed at grabbing state power by toppling the government of Sheikh Hasina.

The BCL general secretary urged everyone to resist Khaleda Zia's conspiracy to unleash anarchy and destroy the country's peaceful atmosphere.

Among others BCL leaders Shajahan Alam Shaju, Mohfuza Akhter Papi, Anisur Rahman, Liakat Sikder, Ashraful Azim Ruban, and AKM Ajim addressed the rally.

BCL also held a rally at the TSC road island yesterday evening to protest the hartal. Awami League leader Abdul Mannan and BCL leaders addressed the rally.

In a joint statement yesterday, Bahadur Bepari and Ajoykar Khokon demanded immediate arrest and exemplary punishment of those who opened fired on BCL leader Rashel and Osmani in Cox's Bazar during the hartal hours on Monday.