

No classes held at DU

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Classes and academic activities of Dhaka University could not be held for the second consecutive day yesterday due to the 30-hour countrywide shutdown sponsored by BNP-led opposition alliance to protest government's decision allowing transshipment facilities to India.

Campus sources however said that administrative activities at the Registered Building were observed partially during the hartal hours yesterday.

University's central library was also open on the second day of the hartal, but sources said that only a few students went there to do their usual work. Police were seen guarding the main entrance of the library and asking the identity of the students entering the library.

Meanwhile, police picked up two activists of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) from Shahbagh area at about 11 a.m. Police said they arrested them on charges of their involvement in destructive activities. The arrested are Tariqul Islam Titu and Saiful Islam, JCD's Zia Hall unit general secretary.

At least 10 crackers were exploded at TSC and Shahbagh areas during the hartal hours, campus sources said.

Meanwhile, both the student fronts of ruling and opposition party brought out separate processions and held rallies on the campus in protest and favour of the hartal.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL), student wing of ruling Awami League brought its procession from the Madhu's canteen area and held a rally at

Aparajeo Bangla.

Presided over by BCL president Bahadur Bepari, the rally was also addressed by its acting general secretary Anisur Rahman, Sajjad Hossain, Miraz Hossain, Akm Ajim and Gias Uddin Palash.

At the rally, the BCL leaders alleged that the opposition parties were calling hartal frequently to save the self-confessed killers of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman. They demanded immediate execution of the verdict of Bangabandhu murder case. The leaders also accused the opposition of fuelling up-destructive activities throughout the country by enforcing 'illogical' hartals. They urged the oppositions to refrain from such political programmes for the sake of the country's economy.

JCD, the student organisation of main opposition BNP also brought out a procession and held a rally at TSC crossing protesting government's decision of transshipment of Indian goods through Bangladesh territory.

They said that the independence and sovereignty of the country would be in stake due to the transshipment facilities given to India. They vowed to continue their movement until the government scrapped the transshipment agreement with India.

JCD leaders Monjur Elahi, Monwar Hossain Rana, Rafiq Sinkder, AMB Mosharraf Hossain, Manir Hossain and Mostafizul Islam Mamun addressed the rally.

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