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GCO rally in DU teargassed

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Tension mounted on Dhaka University campus for a brief period as police lobbed tear-gas shells on a procession of students near Madhu's canteen on Thursday noon.

Two rounds of gunshots were reportedly heard at the same time that created panic among campus inmates.

According to witnesses, Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) brought out a procession on the campus in protest against Wednesday's police attack on its Khulna-unit rally in Khulna.

Some processionists reportedly pelted stones at police posted near DUCSU building. Police in response lobbed five rounds of tear-gas shells and chased the students. The smoke of tear-gas shells engulfed the area and the processionists took shelter in Madhu's canteen and IBA building.

Some students received mild injury when they ran helter-skelter for safety.

The campus was as usual, full of students when the incident took place.

Bangladesh Chhatra League (M-I) brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus immediately after the incident. BCL (M-I) leaders condemned police attack on a peaceful procession of GCO and urged student organisations to build up united movement against Government.

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ment's repression and oppression. Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO), a joint body of eight left-leaning student organisations, held a rally on the campus in protest against police attack on GCO procession at Dhaka University and its Khulna unit rally.

The rally was addressed among others by Ragib Ahsan Munna, Abdullahil Quayum, Mohsin Sarker, Aslam Khan and Obaidur Rahman Chunnu.

They said that police lobbed tear-gas shells on GCO activists when they were staging demonstration on the campus against assault on its leaders in Khulna. Ruhin Hossain Prince and Ismail Hossain were injured when police resorted to baton charge on a rally organised by GCO Khulna unit to mark the Noor Hossain Day on Wednesday, they added.

They demanded immediate withdrawal of police from the Dhaka University campus area.

GCO will hold a rally in front of the Jatiya Press Club at 11 a.m. today (Friday), in protest against police attack on GCO rally at Dhaka University and in Khulna.

Bangladesh Chhatra Dal also brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus protesting police action against GCO members. Chaired by Mozaffar Hossain Zakir, the rally was addressed among others by M.A. Hashem, Jahangir Alami Ripon, Bahauddin Sadi and Salahuddin Tuhin.

Meanwhile, JSD (Inu), backed Chhatra League President Ruhul Kuddus Babu and General Secretary Abdullahil Quayum, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front President Belal Chowdhury and General Secretary Rajekuzzaman Ratan, Chhajira Federation President Ahad Ahmed and General Secretary Udai Pal, Chhatra Oikya Forum President Moshrefa Mishu and General Secretary Mukhlesuddin Shahin, Chhatra League (B-S) President Abul Kalam Azad Babul and General Secretary Md. Shahiddullah in separate statements on Thursday resented the police attack on GCO rally at Dhaka University and urged the student community to build up united resistance against repression of BNP Government.