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Strike observed
in DU

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The first day of the strike called by BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) for an indefinite period was observed peacefully in Daka University on Sunday.

The classes could not be held and all the gates and buildings including administrative building, different faculty buildings and central library of the university were under lock and key. The presence of students on the campus was very thin.

The JCD members called for an indefinite strike in the university to press their demand for removal of Bangladesh Chhatra League (S-P) activists from Suryasen Hall of the university. Earlier, the BCL members captured the hall on Thursday following clashes between two factions of JCD.

The Chhatra Dal members brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus Sunday in support of their demand.

The rally held at the Aparajeyo Bangla of the university was addressed, among others, by JCD President Shahiduddin Chowdhury Ani, General Secretary Habib-un-Nabi Sohel, Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu, A.B.M. Mosharraf Hossain and Selimuzzaman Selim.

UNB adds: Addressing the rally, presided over by JCD president Shahiduddin Chowdhury Annie, the student leaders urged the university authorities to play neutral role in handling all the issues of the varsity.

"Dhaka University like all other educational institutions of the country has now been held hostage by the hoodlums of the ruling party," Annie told the rally.

He alleged that the BCL activists were capturing halls of Dhaka University one after another, like occupying disputed char lands, with direct assistance from the law.

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enforcers.

"It is nothing but a blueprint by the Awami League regime to eliminate the JCD from the country," the JCD President told the gathering.

JCD Secretary Habib-un-Nabi Sohel said the government was trying to make the country into a province of India by demolishing BNP and its front organisations. "It will not be possible till a single JCD worker is alive."

The JCD leaders urged the students of Dhaka University to protest any conspiracy against the university and called for saving it and its students from terrorism.

They blamed VC Prof AK Azad Chowdhury for his failure to bring normalcy on the university campus.

Among others, Nasiruddin Pintu, Shahabuddin Laltu, Mowar Hossain Rana, Nasiruddin Osim, Mosharraf Hossain, Monir Hossain and Selimuzzaman Selim addressed the rally.

DUTA

Dhaka University Teacher's Association (DUTA) President Prof M. Mostafa Chowdhury and General Secretary Prof. Md. Hossain Monsur in a joint statement on Sunday urged the concerned authorities to bring back normal academic atmosphere in the university by ousting outsiders from the halls and withdrawing strike from the university.

The DUTA leaders said a tense situation has been prevailing on the campus due to the confrontation between two rival student organisations. They also said the stalemate has been created on the campus due to the strike called by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal.

GCO strike

today

UNB further adds Ganatantrik Chhatra Okiya (GCO) will enforce a daylong student strike in Dhaka University on Monday, protesting the raise in admission and other fees of the university.

GCO supporters on Sunday brought out a procession on the campus to drum up support in favour of the strike and held a rally in front of Modhu's Canteen.

Addressing the rally, the GCO leaders urged the university authorities to withdraw the decision in the better interest of general students of the university.

They also threatened to wage a greater agitation programme if the decision was not withdrawn soon.

Among others, Murir Ahmed Lenin, Sahrifuzzaman Shafir, Ashraf Babu, Shamim Ahsan Chowdhury and Mamtazur Anam Inu addressed the rally.