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Strike observed in DU

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A student strike called by opposition party BNP's student front Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) observed in Dhaka University on Sunday peacefully.

The JCD members called the strike protesting Friday's violent incident on the campus and demanding immediate resignation of university Proctor AKM Nur-un-Nabi and arrest and punishment of those who are responsible for the incident.

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal and Jatiya Party backed student organisation Jatiya Chhatra Samaj (JCS) locked into an armed clash in the university on Friday leaving at least six persons injured.

Classes were not held in the university on Sunday due to the strike. The administrative building, the central library, the science library, all the faculty buildings were locked. Vehicles of the university did not ply during the strike hours and the presence of students on the campus were very thin.

Policemen including plain clothed police were posted on the campus to avert any untoward incident.

Meanwhile, the Chhatra Dal members brought out a procession and held a protest rally on the campus in support of the strike.

The rally held at the Aparajeyo Bangla of the university was addressed, among others, by JCD President Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Ani, General Secretary Habib-un-Nabi Sohel, Monwar Hossain Rana, Saiful Alam Nirob and Rehana Akhter Rana. Selimuzzaman Selim, Joint Convener of the university unit of JCD, conducted the rally.

Addressing the rally, the JCD leaders blamed both Chhatra Samaj and pro-Awami League Chhatra League activists for creating terrorist activities on the campus on Friday. They also said that the JCS armed terrorists with the help of both BCL (S-P) and university authorities attacked on the JCD members.

The Chhatra Dal leaders termed the university campus as a sacred place and said the BCL (S-P) members and university authorities want

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to establish JCS in the university for their narrow interest. "The JCD members will never give chance to establish autocrat Ershad's student organisation on the campus", they added.

The Chhatra Dal leaders demanded immediate resignation of Proctor AKM Nur-un-Nabi for what they said playing a partisan role in favour of Awami League. They threatened if the Proctor would not resign then they would force him to resign from the post.

Exams held

BSS adds: All examinations of the Dhaka University scheduled for the day were held on Sunday despite the student strike called by Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) on the campus.

Campus sources said the strike was observed partially as Bangladesh Chhatra League did not resist the strike at the call of the Vice-Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury.

Earlier BCL leaders denounced the strike as they claimed that "the JCD ransacked the Proctor's office and misbehaved with the Vice-Chancellor".