

Rallies, meetings in DU banned

30 GCO workers hurt in police action

A number of Dhaka University students were injured Monday as police charged baton on a procession near Sonargaon Crossing in the city, reports UNB.

The procession was brought out in the afternoon by Ganotantic Chhatra Oikya (GCO), an alliance of left student organisations, to submit a memorandum to the Prime Minister demanding arrest of all the terrorists in the educational institutions.

The procession was intercepted by the police as it reached Sonargaon crossing. They resorted to baton charge when the students tried to break the police barricade.

Police mercilessly beat the students and injured at least 30 activists including two of its leaders.

They are: Ziaul Huq Zia, President of Chhatra Moitree and President of Chhatra Front Nurul Islam.

Later, 12 injured were admitted to

Dhaka Medical College Hospital. They were Sahidullah, Elias, Jahid, Tuku, Dilip, Arun, Sultan, Dipu, Rafique, Suranjit, Palash and Poli.

Khaleda visits injured students

Leader of the opposition Begum Khaleda Zia Monday night visited the injured students at the hospital. She inquired about their treatment. BNP Secretary General Abdul Mannan Bhuiyan and other party leaders accompanied her during the visit.

GCO later announced a programme of agitation protesting the police action on them.

They will hold demonstration on the Dhaka University campus today (Tuesday) and throughout the country on Wednesday. The alliance will submit a memorandum to the Home

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Minister on Thursday.

Meanwhile, President of Jatiya Samajtantrik Dal (JSD) ASM Abdur Rab and its General Secretary Hasanul Huq Inu have strongly protested the police atrocities on the student procession.

In a statement, they urged all the democratic forces to be united against the police attempt to curb the democratic rights of holding meeting and bringing out procession.

Our Staff Correspondent adds: Dhaka University Syndicate at an emergency meeting held on Monday evening with Vice-Chancellor Prof. A.K. Azad Chowdhury in the chair banned all kinds of meetings, rallies, processions and slogans on DU campus till May 24 in the interest of maintaining a congenial academic atmosphere and law and order situa-

tion there.

The meeting urged all student organisations to suspend these activities on the campus till May 24.

It took decision to issue "show cause" notice on leaders and activists of Chhatra Federation as per proctorial rules of the university as they were trying to hold meeting and procession on the campus by violating earlier Syndicate order in this regard.

The meeting termed the incident that occurred between police and activities of some student organisations while they were heading towards the Prime Minister's office to submit memorandums on Monday as "unexpected and unfortunate".

It also condoled the death of Asma Ahmed, a final year student of Library and Information Science Department of the university. Asma was killed in a road mishap on Monday. It expressed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family of the deceased.