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Clash between DU BCL factions averted

A prompt intervention by the central leadership averted a possible clash between two factions of pro-Awami League Chhatra League (BCL) on the campus on Sunday, reports UNB.

Witnesses said activists of Dhaka City (South) and Haji Mohammad Muhsin Hall of Dhaka University came face to face over taking place in front of Modhu's Canteen.

Armed cadres of one group brandished cut rifle and Chinese axe during hot altercation.

BCL president Bahadur Bepari, who was inside the Modhu's Canteen at that time, came out and ordered the activists of Muhsin Hall to leave the place.

The matter was later mutually resolved mediated by central leaders.

Meanwhile, Samajtantrik Chhatra Front (SCF) president Nurul Islam and general secretary Saifur Rahman Tapan condemned the incident.

In a statement, they said the ruling party and its student front was trying to curb the democratic movement in one hand and on the other creating anarchy through terrorist activities.

They called for building a mass student movement against the 'undemocratic' and 'terrorist' government of Sheikh Hasina.

No classes in DU

No class or examination was held in the Dhaka University on Monday due to hartal. Administrative activities in the Registrar Building were disrupted and attendance was poor.

DU central library was open amidst police guard but absence of students frustrated the library officials.

At least eight crackers were exploded on Monday on the Dhaka University campus on the first day of the 30-hour hartal called by the BNP led opposition alliance.

Three crackers were exploded when a procession of JCD, student wing of BNP, crossed police barricade at Shahbagh crossing. Again, five crackers were exploded when the procession was crossing police barricade at Doel square.

None were reported hurt in the explosion.

The police did not allow the JCD activists to go outside the campus with their procession. They held rally at TSC crossing.

JCD leaders at the rally said they would continue the movement until the government scrapped the accord giving transit to India.

The rally was addressed, among others, by Manjur Elahi, Tarikul Islam Boni, Monwar Hossain Rana, ABM Mosharraf Hossain, Sultan Salahuddin Tuku, Mostafijul Islam Mamun and Shamsuzzaman Mehdi.

Meanwhile, pro-government Chhatra League (BCL) brought out an anti-hartal procession from the campus demanding immediate execution of the killers of Bangabandhu. They also held a rally at the foot of 'Aparajeyo Bangla' after parading some streets.

BCL president Bahadur Bepari said when the country led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina was running towards the twenty-first century, anti-democratic and anti-independent forces were trying to disturb peace by calling hartal.

Anisur Rahman, Shahjahan Alam, Sujit Roy Nandi, Liaquat Sikder, Ashraful Azim Ruban, Proshanto Bhushan Barua, Sajjad Hossain, AKM Azim, Miraj Hossain and Giasuddin Palash addressed the rally, among others.