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Students call 6-hr hartal in city today

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Progressive Students' Alliance (PSA), an unity of eight left-leaning student organisations, has called a dawn to noon hartal in Dhaka city and a student strike across the country today (Tuesday) protesting Sunday's police attack on the students of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET).

BUET Students Unity Against Terrorism, the platform that spearheaded the movement in BUET, urged all to make the hartal a success from 6:00 am to 12:00 noon.

Opposition Awami League expressed solidarity with the hartal programme. Bangladesh Chhatra League (BSD) and JSD-backed Chhatra League also supported the hartal.

The BUET authorities Sunday closed the university sine die amid students' outburst in support of their 4-point demands, including withdrawal of punishment orders against students, filing of Sony murder case by the BUET authorities and lifting of restriction on student politics and cultural activities.

Meanwhile, police charged ba-

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Students

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ton on the PSA leaders and work-

ers and took away banners near

Muktangan when they brought out

a procession on Sunday afternoon

in support of today's hartal.

At least 10 student leaders, in-

cluding Chhara Union president

Sharifuzzaman Sharif and Chhatra

Moitree president Sabbah Ali

Khan Collins, were injured in the

police action.

Some 5,000 security personnel

including riot police and para-

military BDR will be deployed

today in the city streets during the

hartal hours to prevent any unto-

ward incidents.