

## GCO calls hartal today

Gonotantrik Chhatra Oikya, GCO) an alliance of left-leaning students organizations, called a half-day hartal today (Monday) in the capital to press for immediate reopening of the Dhaka University, reports UNB.

The Dhaka University authorities on Saturday evening declared the university closed for indefinite period in the wake of tempestuous student agitation in protest against police atrocities against female students of the Shamsunnahar Hall on Tuesday night.

Addressing a press conference on Sunday afternoon at the DU Journalists Association office, the GCO leaders put forward a 3-point demand, including today's shutdown in the capital.

Their other demands are immediate removal of the Vice Chancellor and the Proctor, and exemplary punishment of the policemen who made the barbaric attack on the Shamsunnahar Hall.

The left student leaders said the issue of the university turned into an issue of the whole nation as

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well as of the guardians.

Noor Alam, General Secretary of Bangladesh Chhatra Union, announced the programme. The news conference was also attended, among others, by Khok Das, General Secretary of Samantantrik Chhatra Front, Abul Ahad Minar, General Secretary Bangladesh Chhatra Moitri, Musumuddin of Samajbadi Chhatra Jote and Mainuddin Chowdhury of BSD-backed Chhatra League.

The JSD-supported Chhatra League in a separate press conference simultaneously announced a half-day hartal for today (Monday) in Dhaka. Golam Shami, DU unit Convenor of Chhatra League (JSD), announced a general strike.

They also called for a dawn-dusk hartal for Tuesday simultaneously with the pro-Awaraz League Chhatra League on the same issue of late-night police forays into the DU girls' hall.

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