

JCD strike: Classes not held at BUET

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Classes and academic activities of Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) could not be held yesterday due to a strike sponsored by the Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD).

The BUET unit of the organisation called the strike to protest Friday's police "action" on the JCD activists. It also demanded immediate release of all activists including the JCD president and general secretary.

Sources, however, said the administrative activities of the university were normal despite the strike.

More than 80 JCD activists including its president Habib-un-Nabi Sohel and general secretary Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu were arrested in the city on Friday as police cracked down on the opposition-backed student organisations. Over 20 activists were also injured.

Police resorted to crackdown as the student bodies were demonstrating against the decision of Dhaka University authorities to confer honorary degree on Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

During the strike, leaders and activists of JCD brought out a procession and held a rally on

the BUET campus.

BUET central students' union, EUCSU, in a statement yesterday congratulated the students for making the strike a success.

Signed by EUCSU vice-president Hasib Sayed Ahmed Chowdhury, the statement called upon all students to be united and stand against the government's repressive measures.

The JCD unit at Dhaka University also brought out a procession on the campus and held a rally in front of DUCSU building to protest the police action.

At the rally, the JCD leaders condemned the "cowardly" attack on the JCD activists and warned of a dire consequence if such repression is not stopped immediately.

They also condemned the government for resorting to repressive measures and urged the Prime Minister to refrain from such activities for the sake of democracy.

The JCD leaders demanded immediate release of all the JCD activists.

The rally was addressed by acting general secretary of JCD Bazlul Basit Anjum, A B M Mosharraf Hossain, Sultan Salauddin Tuku, Asaduzzaman Asad, Nurul Islam Nayan and Haider Ali Lenin.

The JCD will bring out a procession in the city and hold a rally at Mukhtangan at 3 pm today to protest the police action.