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74 including Anni arrested

JCD procession lathicharged

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Police resorted to a lathi-charge on a procession of BNP-backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and picked up 74 JCD workers including Chhatra Dal President Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anni from Kakrail area on Sunday.

The angry JCD activists damaged about 40 passing vehicles including a BRTC bus, private cars and mini-buses at Kakrail Crossing and Bijoy Nagar area protesting the police repression.

The JCD was scheduled to assemble at Ramna Green before taking out a procession to gherao the office of the Vice-Chancellor of Dhaka University in protest against police repression and demand for expulsion of outsiders from the tutorial halls of the university.

A group procession led by President Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anni was marching towards Ramna Green. When the procession was near the Willes Little Theatre, police halted the procession and encircled it. When the

proceeding defied the barricade police resorted to lathi-charge and picked up a good number of JCD workers most of whom were released later.

At least 15 workers including JCD President Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anni were injured in the police action.

Police sources said, Anni who is an accused in the murder of Partha, a student of Mass Communication and Journalism Department of Dhaka University.

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University was taken to Ramna-thana while the rest including City Unit General Secretary Saiful Alam Nirob, Answer Ali Khan Joy and Ruhul Amin Wakil were detained in Police Control Room.

On Thursday, police arrested 65 JCD activists following a gun-battle on the campus between JCD and Pro-Awami League Chhatra League. Police raided three strongholds of JCD — Jasimuddin Hall, Ziaur Rahman Hall and Bangabandhu Hall. Later 41 of them were released.

JCD calls 4-day strike in DU

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), student wing of BNP, has called a four-day strike in Dhaka University from today (Monday) demanding arrest of the terrorists from the DU halls, immediate release of all the JCD activists including JCD President Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anni, withdrawal of cases filed against JCD members and protesting the police repression.

The JCD members will also hold demonstrations and rally in all the district headquarters in support of their demands.

The programmes were announced from a Press conference held at its central office on Sunday.

JCD General Secretary Habib-un-Nabi Sohel read out the written statement at the conference while it was attended, among others, by JCD acting President Abdul Khaleq, A.B.M Mosharraf Hossain, Shahabuddin Laltu, Monir Hossain, Kazi Rafiq, Kaiser Kamal, Abdul Bari Danny and Salim Mian.

Addressing the Press conference, JCD General Secretary threatened more action programmes if their demands were not met by April 30, the last date of their strike programme.