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Tension grips DU BCL, JCD to hold rallies today

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Tension gripped Dhaka University campus again as pro-Awami League Chhatra League (BCL) and BNP backed Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) announced to hold separate programmes on the campus today (Sunday).

The JCD members will bring out a procession on the campus and gherao the VC's office demanding release of its members and arrest of the BCL terrorists who captured halls while the BCL members will bring out a procession and hold a protest rally in protest against the killing of its leader Partha.

The JCD members expressed their firm determination to hold their earlier announced programme on the campus today (Sunday) while the BCL members threatened to resist entrance of any killer of Partha on the campus creating panic among the campus inmates.

Chhatra League members brought out a silent procession and held a rally on the campus on Saturday in protest against the killing of Partha.

Addressing the rally BCL leaders demanded immediate arrest and punishment to those responsible for the killing of Partha.

The BCL leaders conveyed sympathy to the members of the bereaved family and prayed for the salvation of the departed soul.

The rally held at the Aparajeyo Bangla of the university was addressed by BCL President Enamul Haq Shamim and General Secretary Ishaq Ali Khan Panna.

The campus was virtually peaceful on Saturday but presence of outsider terrorists was seen, sources said.

UNB adds: Police has tightened security in the strife-torn Dhaka University campus to avert any fresh trouble as Chhatra League and Chhatra Dal plan demonstrations on the campus today (Sunday).

About 2,000 law enforcers of police and BDR will be deployed in and around the campus which witnessed a bloody gun battle on Thursday that left one Chhatra League leader killed.

The law enforcing agencies will keep sharp watch from at least 15 strategic points of the university area and nab the trouble makers, police sources said.

They said a list of the accused JCD leaders and activists has been prepared for their involvement in

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the Thursday's incident.

Provost Standing Committee of Dhaka University at a meeting on Saturday called upon the student organisations to refrain from any activities which may further disrupt the academic atmosphere of the university.

The meeting chaired by the Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof AK Azad Chowdhury sought cooperation from the student organisations and urged them to give up enmity against each other and ensure peaceful coexistence.

The meeting advised the students who have gone out of their halls to contact respective Provosts and House Tutors for returning to the halls. The meeting also said the university authorities will provide all-out cooperation in this regard.

"The students, who received injuries during Thursday's gunbattle will be provided proper treatment", the meeting decided.

It also condoled the death of Partha, a student of the Mass Communication and Journalism Department of the university and expressed profound sympathy for the members of the bereaved family.