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Police resorted to lathicharge on Chhatra Dal procession after the processionists broke open the main gate of Dhaka University Central Library. —OBSERVER

JCD protest rally against PM's visit

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Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) staged a demonstration at Dhaka University Arts Faculty premises in protest against Prime Minister's visit to Bangla Academy on Saturday.

Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina went to Bangla Academy to inaugurate the three-week long traditional Amar Ekushey Book Fair at around 10.30 a.m.

JCD workers brought out a procession on the campus with black flags but police intercepted them near the gate of the University Central Library (opposite to the Rokeya Hall) when they were trying to march towards Bangla Academy during the inauguration of the Book Fair.

A huge contingent of police were deployed in and around the campus to check any untoward incident during the Prime Minister's visit to Bangla Academy. Police took position at all entrances of the Arts Faculty Building premises and roads leading to the campus. They also stopped movements of automobiles in the campus area from early in the morning.

JCD workers carrying black flags brought out a procession and tried to march towards Bangla Academy. When police intercepted them near the library gate, some JCD workers tried to open the gate by breaking the lock. At this stage police chased the JCD demonstrators and resorted to baton charge. In retaliation, JCD workers started showering stones on the police. Two JCD workers including its Central Joint Secretary Shahabuddin Laltu sustained injuries.

Several cocktails were blasted when the JCD processionists were

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passing by the Aparajeo Bangla. None, however, was injured in the blast.

Later, the JCD workers held a rally in front of DUCSU Building which was addressed, among others, by JCD President Shahid Uddin Chowdhury Anee, General Secretary Habibunnabi Sohel, JCD Dhaka University Unit Convener Nasiruddin Asim and Selimuzzaman Selim.