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## JCD calls strike on DU campus today

Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal brought out procession and held a rally on the Dhaka University campus on Monday to drum up a student strike today (Tuesday) when the Prime Minister would visit the varsity, says UNB.

Meanwhile, security is being beefed up with police reinforcements and cleaning up makeshift shops around the main compound of the university.

JCD, the student front of opposition BNP, called the strike to protest what its leaders called attacks on their procession by Chhatra League men during Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's March 7 visit.

The Prime Minister is due on the DU campus today (Tuesday) to hand over a cheque for Tk 20 lakh to the university authorities. Begum Zebunnessa and Kazi Mahbubullah Jana Kalyan

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## JCD strike

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Trust has provided the money for introducing "Bangabandhu Chair" in the university in memory of the country's founding father, Sheikh Mujib.

Earlier on March 7, the Prime Minister drove to the campus to unveil the plaque of an independence sculpture, Swadhinatar Sangram, by Shamim Sikder.

Addressing the rally in front of Arts Building, JCD leaders blamed the activists of pro-Awami League Chhatra League for assaulting its girl activists and accused Vice-Chancellor Prof AK Azad Chowdhury of playing a partisan role.

"We call for the students to disapprove of the Prime Minister's arrival by observing strike," said Nasiruddin Ahmed Pintu at the rally.

They threatened a tougher agitation programme if the authorities tried to arrest JCD leaders and workers or foil their planned strike.

The JCD leaders also criticised the DU authorities for ignoring their demand for freeing the university halls from the grips of "Chhatra League hoodlums."

Chaired by JCD DU unit president Manir Hossain, the rally was also addressed by Manjur-e-Elahi, SM Nuruzzaman, Muzaffar Hossain Zakir, ABM Mosharraf Hossain and Sultan Salahuddin Tuku.