



Police put up barbed wire fence at Bangla Motor to prevent the members of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal from proceeding to the Prime Minister's Secretariat on Sunday.

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Police, JCD clash in city: 10 hurt

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Workers of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal, student wing of the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP), clashed with the police and damaged more than 10 vehicles near Banglamotor Crossing when police stopped their procession towards the office of the Prime Minister on Sunday morning.

More than ten persons including two policemen were injured during the hourlong clash. The Chhatra Dal workers exploded several bombs and threw brickbats at the police during their agitation. Police arrested 25

Chhatra Dal workers from the spot.

Hundreds of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal workers from different units of the city gathered at Paltan Maidan at about 11 a.m. Later they marched towards the Prime Minister's secretariat via Noor Hossain Square, Purana Paltan, Topkhana Road, Press Club, Matsa Bhaban and Shahbagh. Earlier, Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal announced a sit-in demonstration around the office of the Prime Minister's office in support of their 12-point de-

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Police put up barbed wire barricade near Banglamotor Crossing and declared all sorts of demonstrations beyond the barricade strictly prohibited. Several bombs were blasted in front of a filling station near Banglamotor Crossing when the procession of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal reached there at about 12 noon.

Immediately after the blasts a section of the processionists went on rampage and began attacking the running vehicles in the area.

They damaged at least 10 vehicles during the agitation. Police chased the attackers and picked up several Chhatra Dal workers from there. Police fired a number of blank shots. Officer-in-Charge of Ramna police station Rafiq received injuries during the blasts. He was immediately admitted to Rajarbagh Police Hospital.

The Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal activists held a rally near Banglamotor Crossing after they were stopped by the police. Addressing the rally the president of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal Habibunnabi Sohel called upon the ruling Awami League to hand over power to a caretaker government. He also demanded mid-term election. Thanking the workers of Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal Sohel said that they would organise a grand rally in the city soon.

The JCD demands include withdrawal of false cases, immediate and unconditional release of the arrested leaders and workers of opposition political parties, reduction of bus fair by 50 per cent for the student community, removal of terrorists from the residential halls of the universities, reduction of price of educational inputs, arrest and trial of all killing that took place during the rule of Awami League government.

JCD announced a two-day action programme in protest against what it said police attack on JCD procession during its march to the Prime Minister's office on Sunday.

The Programme includes procession in the city on April 28 and demonstration in educational institutions across the country on April 29.