

## Bomb blasts around DU mark 2nd day's programme

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The second day of the dawn-to-dusk programme called by the major Opposition Alliances and Jamaat-e-Islami was observed in the city and elsewhere in the country on Thursday.

A series of bomb blasts in the city specially around the Dhaka University campus marked the second day's programme on Thursday. One policeman was injured when some demonstrators hurled bomb on the patrol van of the police at Kataban area around 10-30 a.m. Thirty-one persons were arrested by police from different city areas in connection with the Opposition programme.

Except the Dhaka University campus all other areas of the city during the Thursday's programme were peaceful. Police and BDR personnel patrolled the entire city to prevent any untoward incident.

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support of the programme. Different political parties and alliance also brought out small processions in different parts of the city. Police chased out the processions and resorted to mild lathicharge.

The Dhaka city during Thursday's Opposition programme was different from other previous programmes of the Opposition parties. A large number of rickshaws came out in the street since morning and ferried passengers to different destinations of the city. Along with rickshaws a good number of B.R.T.C. buses and some private buses plied on the city roads during the programme hours. Shops, commercial establishments remained totally closed. Different Government, semi-Government and autonomous offices though remained open, the attendance was not satisfactory. Banks and financial institutions did not transact any business. The kutchabazars of the city remained open.

Buses playing on the long distance and inter-district routes remained confined in the city terminals during the programme hours. Railway communication on the day was partially disrupted.

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Our Varsity Correspondent adds:— One policeman was injured by bomb blasts on the Dhaka University campus during the 12 hours programme on Thursday. Police took three persons into custody for their alleged involvements in unruly activities.

Students of Dhaka University brought out a number of processions in support of the programme. They burnt one rickshaw and harassed one university teacher. Police were on strict guard in the University and its adjoining areas. Police chased a students procession near S.M. Hall and Muktijoddha Zia Hall when the students hurled bombs at a police truck. One police constable received injury from a bomb blast near the Zia Hall. Students also hurled bombs on the police truck in front of the TSC. None was injured.