

## 6-day fresh strike programme No progress in JCD's talks with DU VC

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The Dhaka University authorities began talks with the feuding student organisations yesterday to end the stalemate at the university for the last one week.

Academic activities at the DU came to a halt on April 23 following a gun-battle between Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) and Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) which left one BCL leader killed.

JCD, student wing of opposition BNP, had called a four-day strike at the DU since Monday, protesting the ouster of JCD activists from DU dormitories and capture of those by BCL activists following the killing of its leader.

Meanwhile, JCD yesterday called a fresh strike at the DU from May 2 to 7. The strike programme was announced at a press conference at its office.

Vice Chancellor of the university, Prof A K Azad Choudhury, in a bid to solve the prob-

lem, first met with the leaders of JCD at his residence yesterday afternoon.

An 11-member delegation led by acting JCD President Abdul Khaleque was escorted by police to the VC's residence and on way back to JCD office after the talks.

The JCD placed a number of demands before the VC, saying those should be fulfilled before it could come to any agreement with the BCL.

JCD demanded that 'armed outsiders and terrorists' should be ousted from all halls including Surya Sen, Jasimuddin, Ziaur Rahman and Bangabandhu halls and bonafide resident students of those halls should be 'rehabilitated'.

All the arrested JCD leaders including its president Shahiduddin Chowdhury Anny should be released and "false" cases against them should be withdrawn, it demanded.

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JCD also demanded that the university authorities should issue statement condemning "inhuman" behaviour of police with the students.

The JCD delegation further demanded that police should play a neutral role, otherwise they should be withdrawn from the campus. April 23 should be declared as "Jasimuddin Hall Tragedy Day".

Blaming internal feud of BCL for the killing of its leader Partha, JCD demanded a judicial inquiry into the incident and exemplary punishment of those involved.

The VC assured that he would take steps to rehabilitate the ousted students after checking their identity cards as early as possible.

"I will try my best to ensure security of the students and teachers on the campus", he said while talking to journalists.

Regarding JCD's demand for release of its leaders and activists the VC said, "I have nothing to do with it, the home ministry is the authority in this regard. What I can do is to forward the demand to the home ministry".

Replying to a question, the VC quoting the provosts of halls

said that there were no outsiders or terrorists in the DU halls.

He, however, added that provosts of certain halls reported that some outsiders might come to the halls at night.

The VC said he hoped to meet the leaders of BCL and JCD at a joint meeting today for reaching a solution.

A meeting with the BCL leaders was in progress at 9:10 last night, sources said.

Meanwhile, the female activists of JCD yesterday brought out a silent procession on the Dhaka University campus protesting 'terrorism by the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League'.

The female JCD activists participated in the procession wrapping their faces with black clothes.

The procession which began at around noon from in front of the residence of the DU Vice Chancellor was the first political programme of the JCD on the campus since April 23.

The JCD activists submitted a memorandum to the Vice Chancellor demanding restoration of normal academic atmosphere in the university, ousting the terrorists from the campus and rehabilitating the genuine students in their respective halls.