

BCL drives JCD activists out of DU campus

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Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD), the student wing of opposition BNP could not observe hartal programme on the Dhaka University campus yesterday as they were ousted from the campus by the BCL activists.

Witnesses said, police intercepted the JCD activists from entering the Madhu's Canteen when they came to observe the hartal on the campus at about 7 am.

The JCD, however, entered the canteen where the activists of Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) were staying to foil the hartal programme.

Tension gripped the Madhu's canteen area as both the groups chased each other.

At about 10 am, a group of JCD activists brought out a procession on the campus under police surveillance. But the BCL activists started hurling of brick-bats on the JCD men when their procession came in front of the DUCSU building.

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They chased the pro-hartal JCD men and ousted them from the campus.

At about 12 noon, JCD brought out another procession on the campus in support of the hartal. But, they were again chased and ousted from the campus.

Later, JCD held a rally in front of VC's residence and alleged that the activists of BCL attacked their peaceful procession without any provocation.

JCD leaders demanded exemplary punishment to those responsible for the attack.

BCL also brought out an anti-hartal procession and held a rally on the campus.

At the rally, BCL leaders condemned the BNP for launching the hartal which causes immense sufferings to the common man.

They urged the oppositions to refrain from such "undemocratic" activities for the sack of country's economy.

Several rounds of shots were fired and crackers exploded on the campus during the hartal hours, campus sources said.