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## Violence on DU campus as BCL chases JCD activists out

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The pro-government Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) activists fired gunshots and exploded crackers on the Dhaka University campus during hartal hours yesterday, forcing the BNP-backed Jatiyatabad Chhatra Dal (JCD) workers out of the campus.

Witnesses said that the BCL activists first intercepted a group of JCD supporters coming towards the Madhus' Canteen from the Lecture Theatre area at about 9:45 am. Two armed activists of BCL opened fire and chased them out of the campus. They also beat up SM Belayet, a JCD central leader. BCL activists were seen roaming on the campus with firearms in present of police deployed to maintain order and avert any untoward incidents during the hartal hours, witnesses said.

Another group of BCL activists near Shahbagh crossing fired four rounds of bullets on JCD supporters at about 11:30 am, compelling them to leave the area. Around the same time, two rounds of gunshot were fired from AF Rahman Hall.

Later in the afternoon four gunshots were heard near Katabani area, sources added. At least ten crackers were blasted in and around the campus as well.

Sources said that BCL activists took up positions at the main entrances to the university from early morning and were seen checking the identity of those coming into the campus.

BCL leaders at an anti-hartal rally on the campus said

that they would not allow anybody to "unleash violence, killing or destructive activities" in the name "anti-government movement."

"The BCL activists with the help of the country's student community will resist any sort of violence which the BNP and its allies are conspiring", BCL leader Ajoy Kar Khokon warned.

He also accused Khaleda Zia of initiating destructive activities throughout the country and planning to ruin the country's economy.

Khokon urged the opposition to refrain from unleashing destructive political activities like hartal which cause huge losses to both state and public properties.

BCL leaders Balram Poddar, Anisur Rahman, Sajjad Hossain and AkM Ajim also addressed the rally. A procession was also brought out on the campus in protest of the hartal.