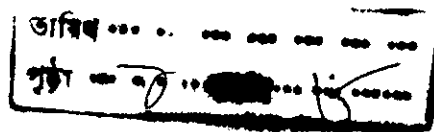


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## DU strike passes off peacefully

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A strike called by Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) on Dhaka University campus passed off without any untoward incident on Tuesday, amidst fear of clashes between rival student organisations.

No classes were held and all the examinations scheduled for the day were postponed beforehand on the ground of "unavoidable circumstances".

Offices and the Central Library of the university remained open, but the number of students at the library were very thin.

GCO brought out several processions and held rallies at DU.

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## DU strike

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premises in support of their strike demanding recovery of illegal arms, arrest of terrorists and stoppage of the rivalry between Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) and Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) over domination on the campus.

The leaders of GCO from the rallies warned that they would announce tougher action programmes on July 29, if their demands are not met by the time.

JCD also brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus supporting the strike. JCD leaders from the rally also demanded of the authorities to meet their demands within the ultimatum.

Criticising the ban on holding rallies in and around the Administrative Building of the university, the JCD leaders said that the ban had been imposed in fear of students' wrath against the DU authorities.

Protesting the strike and rampage on VC's official car, BCL brought out a procession and held a rally on the campus. The BCL leaders demanded of the authorities to take stern action against the persons responsible for the incident as per the university's Proctorial Rules.

The leaders also condemned the ransacking of the portraits of Bangabandhu Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at different offices and institutions across the country.