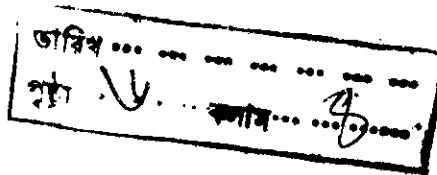


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Strike in DU today

Authorities are tightening up security in Dhaka University on the eve of a strike Tuesday, called by a conglomerate of left student bodies, supported by Chhatra Dal and opposed by Chhatra League, reports UNB.

Ganotantrik Chhatra Oikya (GCO) had called the student strike in DU demanding a drive to recover illegal arms, arrest of terrorists and an end to police harassment in the name of strict security.

Pro-BNP Jatiyatabadi Chhatra Dal (JCD) has extended support to the strike call while their rival Awami League-backed Chhatra League (BCL) protested it urging students to resist the strike.

Campus sources fear that confrontations between rival student bodies might lead to a volatile situation.

They apprehend that the situation may turn worse from July 29 as the JCD has declared a series of programmes including a marathon strike to press for removal of the DU Vice Chancellor and rehabilitation of JCD activists in their dormitories.

Sources said BCL cadres were guarding the halls round the clock fearing attacks any time.

In last couple of days, the two big student bodies — JCD and BCL — virtually brought out election rallies chanting slogans in favour of election symbols "sheaf of paddy" (BNP) and "boat" (AL).