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Hasina's release demanded

Work abstention by DUTA, strike by BCL observed

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Demanding immediate release of Awami League President and former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, the day long strike enforced by Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) was observed in all the educational institutions of the country on Sunday.

The Dhaka University teachers

led by DUTA refrained from taking classes on Sunday as part of their two-day programme which ended with a half-day work abstention.

No classes were held till 1pm and presence of students on the campus was very thin. But the examinations were kept out of the purview of strike. Earlier on Satur-

day, the teachers took classes wearing black badges to press home their demand.

The students strike called by BCL, coincided with the half-day work abstention of the Dhaka University Teachers' Association (DUTA) on Sunday on the same issue.

The DUTA's work abstention programme has created a division among the Dhaka University teachers at all levels. Though a small section of teachers belonging to Awami League backed "Blue Panel" extended their support to the work abstention programme, the Pro-BNP and Jamaat teachers belonging to "White Panel" strongly opposed it, terming the decision as completely illogical.

Many students of the Dhaka University said that they did not favour the work abstention by teachers. They believe that they would be able to pass out of the university on time if the regular classes continue without any break.

The DUTA also demanded immediate release of Sheikh Hasina and resignation of Law Adviser Barrister Mainul Hossain for what they said his biased activities.

Meanwhile, some 10 to 15 leaders and activists of BCL led by its DU unit President Sohail Rana Tipu and General Secretary Sazzad Saqib Badshah brought out a brief demonstration and chanted slogans demanding release of Sheikh Hasina and in support of their strike in the premises of Business Studies Faculty on Saturday.

Police and intelligence branch members rushed to the spot. See (See Page 15 Col. 5)

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Security measures on the campus remained tightened since the arrest of Sheikh Hasina, last week with additional police personnel and a huge number of intelligence men have been posted in an around the campus to avert any untoward incident.

Our JU Correspondent said the BCL called strike was observed at Jahangirnagar University (JU) in a peaceful manner. No classes or examination were held on the day.

BCL of Chittagong University (CU) unit observed a day-long student strike on Sunday as part of its central programme demanding immediate release of Sheikh Hasina.

In a joint statement, BCL CU unit President Kazi Mazharul Islam and General Secretary Md. Arshad Hossain demanded immediate release of Awami League President Sheikh Hasina.