



BCL calls hartal today

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Opposition Awami League's student front Bangladesh Chhatra League (BCL) will observe dawn to dusk hartal across the country today (Tuesday) protesting "Brutal predawn police assault" on the female students at Shamsunnahar Hall of Dhaka University.

Awami League and its front organisations have supported the BCL hartal that also called for demanding reopening of the university, resignation of the university's Vice Chancellor and Proctor and withdrawal of "false" cases against the students and the hall's Provost Prof. Sultana Shaheen.

Left-leaning student organisations Chhatra Union, Chhatra

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Moytree and JSD backed Chhatra League will also observe dawn to dusk hartal across the country today (Tuesday) in protest against the Shamsunnahar Hall incident and demanding immediate reopening of Dhaka University.

Awami League leaders in a joint statement on Monday requested the people from all strata to support the BCL called countrywide hartal.

The AL leaders said the government was not paying heed to the logical demands of the students and teachers who had been demonstrating in protest against the assault and repression on the female students by police and government-backed terrorists and demanding resignation of the VC and the Proctor of the university for failing to discharge duties.

They demanded exemplary punishment to the policemen responsible for unleashing the atrocities on the female students and authorities concerned who failed to check the incident. They also blamed JCD backed terrorists for attacking on agitated students, teachers and journalists along with police and demanded punishment of them.

Dhaka City unit Awami League brought out a procession in the city and held a rally in front of its party office at Bangabandhu Avenue on Monday afternoon protesting police atrocities at the DU female dormitory, repression on the students and in support of the Tuesday's hartal.

As police intercepted the procession at both ends of Bangabandhu Avenue, the processionists held a rally at the Bangabandhu Avenue which was addressed, among others, by Alhaj Habibur Rahman Mollah, Omar Ali, Advocate Kamrul Islam and Abdul Sabuj.

The AL leaders at the rally said that the Shamsunnahar Hall atrocities exceeded the barbaric repression by the Pakistani occupation forces and their collaborators in 1971.