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Abdur Rahman's call to dismantle student fronts

Staff Reporter

Justice Abdur Rahman Chowdhury yesterday called upon the students not to become subservient to political parties.

Speaking as chief guest at a seminar on "Peace and discipline on campus," he said "Students are tended to be involved in politics. Such involvement is a must for healthy democracy. But disruptive is their becoming subservient to political parties."

The seminar, held at the Public Library auditorium under the auspices of the Jatiya Abhibhabak Samity (national association of guardians), was presided over by Dr AMA Zaman President of the organisation.

Mr A R Khandakar (Inspector General of Police), Mr Riazuddin Ahmed (President, BFUJ), Mr M Serajul Islam (Lion), Khandakar Mahub Uddin Ahmed (President, Jatiya Ainjibi Samity), Mr Abdullah Harun Pasha (Jt Secy, Ministry of Education), Mrs Momtaj Hossain (a noted teacher), Dr Khandakar Mosharraf (Jt Secy,

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BNP) and Mr AK M Emdadul Hoque (GS of the Abhibhabak Samity) took part in the deliberation.

Justice Chowdhury told the seminar that academic atmosphere on the campuses could be restored only if the political parties dismantled their student fronts.

He urged political leaders to work in that direction in the greater interest of the nation.

He also urged the police and the authorities of universities to maintain neutrality in their drive against campus violence.

Mr A R Khandakar explained that campus violence was part of a confusion that had gripped the society. He said the confusion which was leading the youths to violence and drug addiction had resulted from the loss of values.

Mr Reazuddin Ahmed observed that man's inability to express his views freely provoked him into violence.

Khandakar Mahub said boycotting of all who were directly or indirectly responsible for the situation could yield encouraging results.

Dr Hossain denied that the political parties were mainly responsible for campus violence.

Mrs Momtaj Hossain noted with surprise that no representative of the student community was invited to participate in the deliberations. She observed that a section of the guardians was responsible for students' involvement in politics for just material benefit.

Dr Zaman placed a seven-point suggestion for eradication of campus violence. He stressed the need for autonomy of educational institutions and neutrality of the administration.