

Students asked to utilise time, energy properly

Information Minister Md. Shamsul Hoq has called upon the students to utilise their time and energy to prepare themselves for shouldering the future responsibilities of the country, reports BSA.

The Minister was speaking as the chief guest at a reception accorded to a group of students who passed SSC and HSC examinations in 1984 from Dakkhin Khan Union near Dhaka. The reception was arranged on Monday night by Dakkhin Khan Social Welfare Samannay (co-ordination) Parishad.

Welcoming the students, the Minister recalled the contributions of the students during our Language Movement and the War of Independence and termed them as the vanguard of national independence and sovereignty.

It is a matter of regret, the Minister said, that moral values of a section of our students had so eroded that sometimes hurt the feelings of the commonman of our society.

In this context, he mentioned the recent happenings in the campuses of a number of educational institutions and asked their conscience to ponder over

and evaluate the reasons of such happenings.

Turning to the programmes of the Government for transition to democracy, the Minister said that President Ershad firmly believed in democracy and people's rule. The President has reiterated his sincere conviction to transition to democracy through holding of elections as there is no alternative to help the process.

Mr. Hoq said the Government was ready with the detailed election programmes and urged upon all political parties to participate in the elections to help restore democracy.

Presided over by Advocate Mr. Suruzzaman, Chairman of the parishad, the function was addressed, among others, by Prof. Abdus Salam, former State Minister for Home Affairs.

The Minister gave away prizes to the successful students. A musical soiree was also held on the occasion.