



# JS call to free campus of arms

By A Staff Reporter

The Parliament (Jatiya Sangsad) on Thursday unanimously adopted a resolution to end the politics of arms in all educational institutions including universities and restore congenial academic atmosphere.

MPs from both the treasury and the opposition benches expressed their gravest concern over the use of arms in campuses and expressed their views on ways of putting an end to it.

Winding up the three and a half hours long discussion, the leader of the House Prime Minister Mr Mizanur Rahman Chowdhury said, "Allah has given us an opportunity to ensure healthy growing of stu-

dents who are the future citizens by freeing the educational arena from arms". He was happy that the opposition supported such move and termed it as unprecedented.

Deputy Speaker Mr M. Korbani Ali who presided over the sitting termed the unanimous adoption of the resolution moved by Awami League MP Mr Md Asaduzzaman Advocate, as unique.

Leader of the Opposition Sheikh Hasina Wazed, Deputy Premiers Moudud Ahmed and Prof M.A. Matin, Education Minister Mr Mahbubur Rahman, and Opposition bench members Messrs Ayenuddin of ML, Tofayel Ahmed and Qamruzzaman of AL, Suranjit Sen Gupta of NAP (U), A.S.M. Abdur Rab and

Mirza Sultan Raja of JSD and Mujibur Rahman of Jamaat took part in the discussion.

Referring to the adverse effects of the use of arms in the educational arena. The Prime Minister urged the MPs of all parties to be unanimous in their determination to put possessors of arms in detention, no matter to which party they might belong. If all agreed on this point, it could be brought in the house in the form of a bill, he said.

Recalling that the politics of arms began in the sixties, he denied the allegation that the government was responsible for the arms race in the campus.

He said that Martial Law came in 1975 in a very cruel way, but asked what was the present role of those persons who were with the Martial Law government immediately after its imposition. Referring to the death of former AL leader Moyezuddin, he said the full cabinet had adopted a condolence resolution, and President Ershad himself had conveyed his grief to the members of the bereaved family. Without naming anybody he said persons belonging to the ruling party were also now in jail.

Opposition leader Sheikh Hasina Wazed said that arms race in the campus could never

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end. If the politics of arms could not be removed nationally.

Mr. Ayenuddin of ML called for enforcement of the law impartially and to haul up the criminals from the campuses by rising above party interests. Others who spoke were Mr. Suranjit Sen Gupta, Mr. Tofayel Ahmed, Mr. Mujibur Rahman of Jamaat.

Deputy Prime Minister Moudud Ahmed said that given the consensus of the political parties, it would require only 24 hours to free the campus from the politics of weapons.

Deputy Premier Prof. Matin stressed the need for adopting special and prompt measures to drive out the armed outsiders from the residential halls of universities and colleges. Realisation of this objective needed the support and co-operation of the opposition, he said.

Education Minister Mahbubur Rahman sought cooperation of all in implementing laws for making the educational institutions free from arms. He told the Jatiya Sangsad that the government would not hesitate in making the campus free from arms.