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Students urged to acquire leadership quality

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LORD Minister and Secretary General of Jatiya Party Shah Moazzem Hossain on Saturday called upon the students to act as vanguard against any threat to democracy, Islamic values, independence and sovereignty.

Speaking as the chief guest at a reception accorded him by the City unit of Jatiya Chhatra Samaj on his appointment as the Secretary General of Jatiya Party, at the party's central office on Saturday, Shah Moazzem advised them to equip themselves with leadership qualities and guide the nation in future.

Presided over by Shah Ashrafuddin Ahmed Shamim, President, City unit of Chhatra Samaj, the function was addressed, among others, by Jute Minister Zafar Imam, Dhaka Municipal Corporation Administrator Col. (Retd.) Al-Haj Abdul Malek, Deputy Minister for Education and Chief Co-ordinator of Jatiya Chhatra Samaj Golam Sarwar Milon and Chief Advi-

ser of Jatiya Chhatra Parishad Rafiqul Huq Hafiz.

Expressing his concern over the latest political trend in the country, the JP Secretary General observed that the country lacked sane and proper politics aiming at people's welfare. Politics of pertinacity and competition has been let loose, he said.

He said that political parties, who failed to serve the people during their rule were now increasing the miseries of the people as opposition parties. He said that power could not be captured through violence and destruction: "There is no substitute of polls to go to power," he said.

Shah Moazzem said that a conspiracy had been hatched from across the border to create instability, chaos and anarchy to deter country's progress. He urged the patriotic sections inside the Awami League, Muslim League and Jamaat-e-Islami to understand the game and

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fight unitedly to foil the conspiracy.

The JP Secretary General said that the present Government wanted to see a conducive academic atmosphere on the campus. It was for this reason, the members of the Chhatra Samaj were asked not to go for confrontation with anybody.

Shah Moazzem said, "We detest that kind of student politics which will mean ticketless travelling, killing of ticket examiner, extortion of money, working as agents of any political party and manufacturing of bombs leading to death. We will welcome student politics which will mean participation in development activities and helping of the common man."

Urging the members of the Chhatra Samaj to help build Jatiya Party as the biggest democratic political party.

Shah Moazzem said that the President did not want to make the campus into a battlefield. Those who were giving arms to the students did not love their own children and the country as well, he pointed out.

Distribution of arms among the students was possible only by those who used to send their children abroad including Nainital (India) for education, he added.

Shah Moazzem said there must be a qualitative change in students' politics in an independent country and urged them not to be used any more as political pawns by any parties.

Shah Moazzem congratulated the Jatiya Chhatra Samaj for their victory in students union elections in different educational institutions.

Under the dynamic leadership of President Ershad, Shah Moazzem said that the students had always played very significant role in our national history. "They cannot lag behind under the present situation," he said.

Mr Zafar Imam said that when the country was making steady progress known quarters had been trying to disrupt peace and deter progress. He asked the students to unmask these forces before the people.

Mr Zafar Imam termed certain opposition demands as inconsistent and confusing and said that the present Government was an elected one under the Constitution and the resignation of the President as demanded by the opposition would not bring any change to the government.

He advised the opposition parties to criticise the Jatiya Party and not President Ershad since it was Jatiya Party's Government which is in power.

He pleaded for further strengthening of the Jatiya Party to face the opposition politically.

Col (Rtd) Abdul Malek said that due to lack of implementation of policies of President Ershad, Jatiya Party could not reach the people properly in the past. He expressed the hope that under the new Secretary General, the hopes and aspirations of the party workers would be fulfilled. He accused the opposition of getting advice from across the border.

Mr Golam Sarwar Milon called upon the students to build Jatiya Chhatra Samaj as the symbol of hope, amity and discipline. He urged them to make the proposed grand conference of JCS on August 18 a grand success.