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Educational institutions should be spared from political influence to free the path of pursuit of knowledge from vices and ensure congenial academic atmosphere, said Post and Telecommunications Minister Mohammad Nasim, reports UNB.

He recalled that the student community had played a glorious role in all movements during the pre-independence period and in the struggle for freedom.

"But student politics, especially on the campus, in the post-liberation time could not fulfil the aspiration of countrymen, barring the democracy movement," the Minister said.

Addressing the 8th founding anniversary function of Dhaka Commerce College at Mirpur, the ruling Awami League stalwart said the nation witnessed campuses as arena of "terrorism" in the post-independence period.

The educational institutions have repeatedly been tainted in various ways in the name of politics, he told the function.

"Terrorists cannot take anyone to power. So there cannot be any compromise with the terrorists. Those who are involved in campus terrorism must bear the consequence," Mohammad Nasim said.

He urged the teachers community to build their pupils as

worthy citizens of the country.

Presided over by Chairman of the College Managing Committee and Dhaka University Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof Shahiduddin Ahmed, the function was also addressed, among others, by State Minister for LGRD and Cooperatives Syed Abul Hosain, local MP Kamal Ahmed Majumder and Principal of the College Prof Kazi Mohammad Nurul Islam Faruque.